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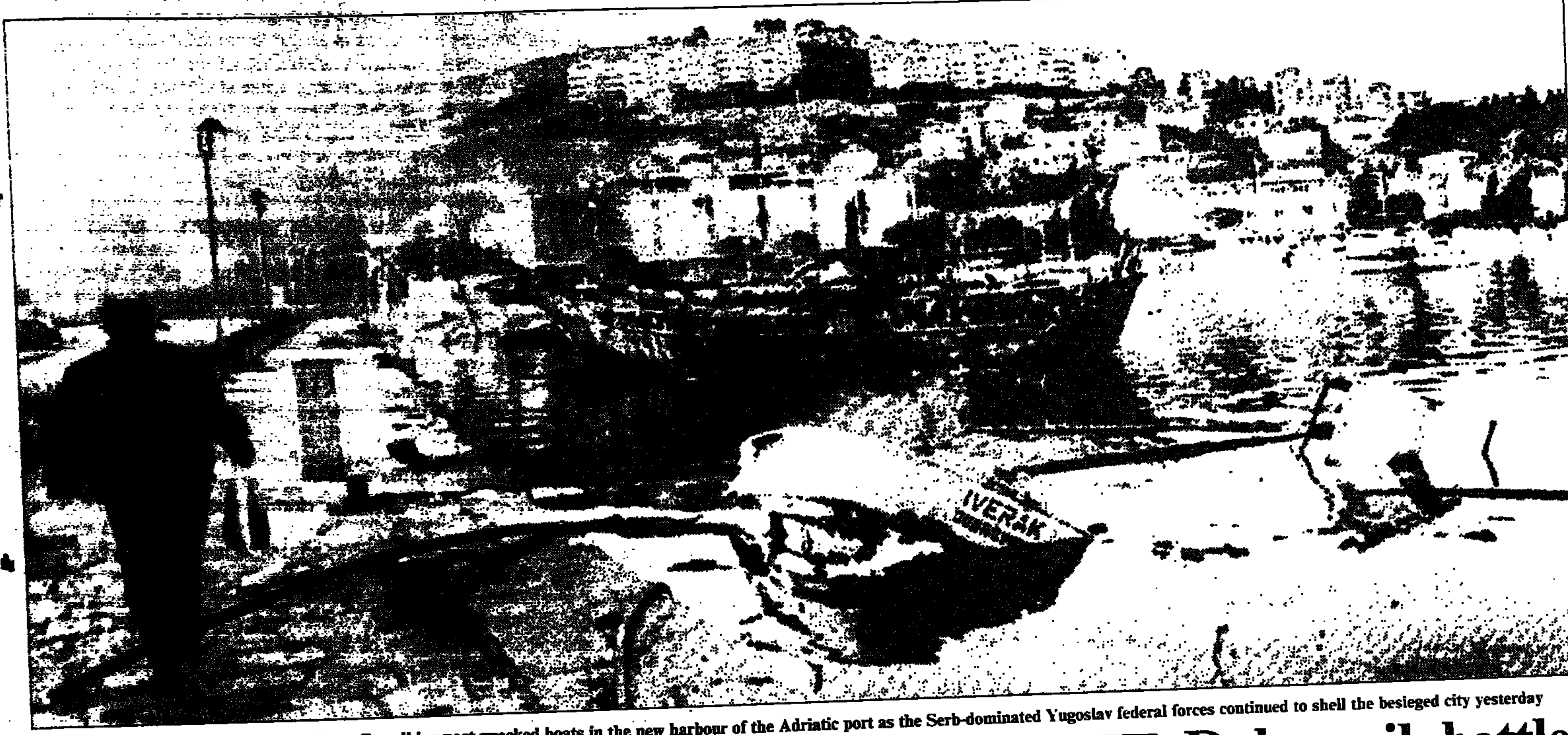

In deep waters: a resident of Dubrovnik walking past wrecked boats in the new harbour of the Adriatic port as the Serb-dominated Yugoslav federal forces continued to shell the besieged city yesterday

Vichy list of Jewish victims found in archives

From PHILIP JACOBSON
IN PARIS

A VAST card-index containing the names of about 150,000 Jews forced to register with the Paris police during the German occupation of France has been found in government archives here.

The discovery after years of fruitless searching was announced yesterday by Serge Klarsfeld, the French lawyer who has devoted himself to establishing the truth about the fate of Jews handed over to the nazis by the collaborationist Vichy regime.

He said yesterday that he found it inconceivable that the index, the existence of which was widely suspected, could have been overlooked by expert researchers who have burrowed through files held by the ministry for the welfare of former soldiers.

"It is my impression that it remained undiscovered because of deliberate unwillingness on the part of civil servants there," he told reporters. He added that he had asked police to take charge of the material.

All of the material is to be made available to the investigating magistrate in charge of the case against René Bousquet, the former police chief of the Vichy regime who became a wealthy banker and who now lives in luxurious retirement in Paris. M Bousquet is the first French citizen charged with "crimes against humanity" arising from his involvement with the nazis in the deportation and death of thousands of Jews, among them many children.

The index, it appears, was originally removed by Vichy officials from the vaults of the prefecture of police shortly before the liberation of Paris in August 1944. The registration of all the capital's Jews, whether French or foreign, had begun almost four years earlier: the best part of 150,000 names had quickly been inscribed in scores of police stations for subsequent entry into the master index at the prefecture.

This list, praised for its voluminous detail by one Gestapo chief, provided the victims of the first mass round-up of Jews that was later ordered by the occupation authorities. French police

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THE Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster today voice concern in a letter to *The Times* about a bill to control the flood of asylum-seekers to Britain this year.

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Life sentence

Linda Calvey, aged 43, of Plaistow, east London, was yesterday jailed for life at the Old Bailey for shooting dead her lover at point-blank range after forcing him to kneel at her feet. **Black Widow, page 3**

Fowler throws down gauntlet to Euro rebels

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

RIVAL factions in the Conservative party openly joined battle over Europe yesterday with two former cabinet ministers leading the fray. Sir Norman Fowler mounted a challenge for the chairmanship of the party's European affairs committee while Norman Tebbit launched an outspoken attack on the prime minister's approach to the Maastricht summit.

Sir Norman will tonight take on the ultra-sceptic William Cash in a vote that will expose the split party managers have sought to avoid. One leading backbencher predicted that the challenge would lead to a bloodbath.

There had been suggestions that Mr Tebbit would enter the contest if Sir Norman stood and last night he was scorned by his critics as having ducked a direct challenge. But Mr Tebbit suggested in a television interview that he had held back for the sake of party unity and because backbench committees should not be run by "recycled cabinet ministers". He went on to express puzzlement over John Major's tactics in the run-up to the summit and hinted that he might vote against the government after the two-day debate on Europe next week.

Mr Major insisted in the Commons that progress was being made in the negotiations on political and monetary union as Neil Kinnock attempted to capitalise on Mr Tebbit's remarks. The prime minister said he hoped agreement would be reached on both treaties, although there was "still some way to go" on political union.

Britain yesterday lowered its resistance to greater powers for the European Parliament, one of the main sticking points, during talks among the Community's foreign ministers. Douglas Hurd indicated that Britain might accept a veto for the parliament over some decisions taken by EC ministers, although he wanted tight restrictions on such power.

Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister who will chair the summit, meanwhile agreed that some unwelcome parts of the political treaty could be rewritten. In an interview with *The Times*, he said he would look again at the section of the treaty talking about the EC's a "federal goal" and added that Mr Major was right to argue against a "United States of Europe". He added, however, that Mr Major knew that Britain's power and influence would dwindle if it did not keep pace with the rest of Europe.

Sir Norman Fowler's challenge to Mr Cash for the leadership of the high-profile European affairs committee was last night denounced by Tory Euro-sceptics and Sir Teddy Taylor, secretary of the Conservative European Re-

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BA's profit signals transatlantic victory

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways claims to have won the first skirmish in the battle for transatlantic passengers with pre-tax profits of £185 million in the six months to September.

Fears that the arrival at Heathrow of American Airlines and United Airlines would hinder BA's recovery from the recession have proved groundless. Although the £185 million was well below the £320 million of the same period last year, it was far better than anticipated.

American and United are to cut their seats this winter by 21 per cent and 32 per cent respectively, largely because of inter-governmental rules. BA will maintain 50,000 in each direction a week, on its 30 aircraft flying to 18 American gateways, thus hoping to increase its 40 per cent market share.

● Passengers are flying again in record numbers as the Gulf war is forgotten, according to figures yesterday from the British Airports Authority. It reported a record October, with 6.6 million travellers.

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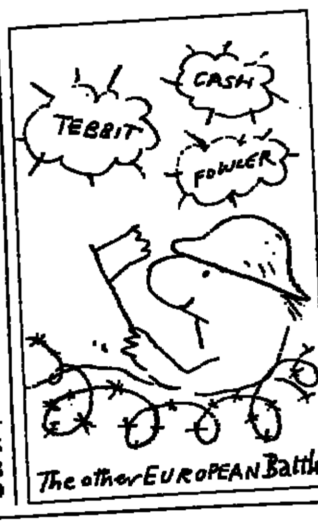

The prince: at odds with John Major's stance

Prince praises 'green' EC role

By MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Prince of Wales was at odds with the government last night over European policy after applauding moves by the Brussels commission to take greater powers over environmentally sensitive construction projects.

Less than a month after John Major publicly rebuked Carlo Ripa di Meana, the EC environment commissioner, for demanding a halt to seven big developments in Britain, the prince described Brussels' powers to assess the environmental consequences of a project as an "important building block for the future". His comments are likely to prove an embarrassment to the government as it strives to limit the European Community's ambitions across a broad front in the run-up to the Maastricht summit.

The prince, backing the Brussels initiative in calling for environmental assessment, added: "The commission now plans to take this concept further ... to plans, policies and programmes ... this really would represent progress towards true environmental integration."

Last month, Mr Major attacked Signor Ripa di Meana for releasing a letter calling for a halt to seven big engineering projects, including the Channel tunnel, pending environmental impact studies. The commissioner responded by accusing Mr Major of intimidation, and said Britain had been served with writs only

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Dubrovnik battle will go to the Security Council

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

EUROPEAN Community foreign ministers are to call for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the fighting in Yugoslavia, according to a spokesman for Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister. The community's ceasefire monitors were still trapped by the bombardment of Dubrovnik.

Lord Carrington, the peace conference chairman, is to leave for Belgrade today to try to revive the flagging peace efforts. John Major told Parliament that Lord Carrington was going at the request of EC foreign ministers. He and Cyrus Vance, the UN envoy, will meet the leaders of Croatia, Serbia and the army, diplomats in Belgrade said.

Lord Carrington will consider a request by the rump of the Yugoslav federal presidency and Croatia for the deployment of an international peace-keeping force, a Dutch government official said in The Hague. With Croatian forces outgunned, outnumbered and in danger of losing Dubrovnik and Vukovar, where heavy fighting continued, Stipe Mesic, the Yugoslav president, said only UN peacekeeping troops could stop the fighting. Serbia and its allies in the collective presidency have said the war could intensify if their appeal for peacekeeping troops fails. They want UN troops to be deployed between the warring sides, while Croatia insists they should be stationed along the republic's official borders.

The EC also wants the UN to discuss a range of responses to the fighting, including implementation of an oil embargo, the spokesman for Herr Genscher said.

The Yugoslav army bombarded Dubrovnik with artillery fire earlier yesterday, hitting a hotel sheltering the EC observers and causing "enormous and irreparable damage" to the city, Croatian radio said. Among the boats burning in the harbour was one used by the community observers to travel to Caviat for talks with the federal army.

The Prince of Wales yesterday spoke of his "profound concern" for Dubrovnik. The prince, who was at the European Parliament in Brussels to receive an environmental award, said: "I understand the bombs and shells are falling on as I speak. They are causing death and destruction in an ancient, unspoiled and much loved city, not to mention the tragic waste of human life and property in other parts of Yugoslavia."

Federal forces began attacking the city for the fifth day at 6.30 am while EC officials seeking the evacuation of the observers bargained with army commanders for a temporary ceasefire. Herr Genscher's spokesman said the EC would ask Unicef, the UN children's agency, to evacuate children from Dubrovnik and other cities devastated by the fighting. The EC foreign ministers approved the evacuation plan after President Mitterrand of France last week proposed a safe corridor for children out of the conflict, the German official said.

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A word from Queen Victoria after 103 years

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE long-lost voice of Queen Victoria may have been rediscovered on a fragile wax cylinder which has been stored in the Science Museum for more than 60 years.

Only a few words can be made out on the recording, believed to have been made at Balmoral in autumn 1888. The Queen — if it is she — utters about 40 words, of which the only ones recognisable are "Greetings ... the answer must be ... I have never forgotten." The voice is an educated one, with no hint of an upper-class drawl or of a German accent.

Paul Tritton, a writer, discovered the recording when researching a book about Henry Edmunds, the man best known for having introduced Rolls to Royce. In the 1880s Edmunds was a supporter of the Graphophone, a rival to Edison's Phonograph, and in September 1888 he demonstrated the machine to the British Association in Bath.

The same month, he was asked to show it to Queen Victoria at Balmoral. For some reason Edmunds himself did not go to Balmoral but sent a friend, Sydney Morse, a solicitor whose wife moved in royal circles.

The cardboard cylinder, coated with a waxy material called ozocerite into which the grooves were cut, was kept by the Morse family until 1929, when it was offered to the Science Museum. Lacking a Graphophone on which to play it, the museum stored it carefully, and more or less forgot about it.

Mr Tritton's researches revealed its existence, and its contents have been partially revealed by the efforts of the National Sound Archive and Cedar Audio, of Cambridge. A special fitting was made at the museum so that it could be played on an Edison-type Phonograph, and electronic techniques were used to reduce the clicking and hissing.

The result, astonishingly, was three separate recordings on the ancient cylinder, one of which may be the only known recording of Queen Victoria. Her remarks last a mere 14 seconds, totalling some 40 words of which only nine are unambiguously recognisable.

The museum is not putting its reputation on the line by declaring that the voice really is Queen Victoria's, Stephanie Millard, a curator, declares the case "not proven". Mr Tritton, whose book *The Lost Voice of Queen Victoria* is published by Academy Books this month, says: "I can only say that it is more likely to be her than not."

The museum has arranged a special display which opens today.

Victoria: a few words for posterity, perhaps

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MP says Maxwell knew about claims over Vanunu plot

By Lin Jenkins

BEFORE Robert Maxwell died he was aware of allegations linking him to the disappearance of the Israeli technician who disclosed secret details of Israel's nuclear programme, Rupert Allason, Conservative MP for Torbay, claimed last night.

As the enquiry into the publisher's death continued yesterday, the American author Seymour Hersh released further details to support allegations against Mr Maxwell and Nick Davies, former foreign editor of the *Daily Mirror* who was sacked over his denial that he had met an arms dealer in America.

A statement from Mr Hersh was read at a press conference in London by Matthew Evans, chairman of Faber and Faber, publishers of his book *The Samson Option*. Mr Hersh said in it that a private detective in Geneva was asked to tap the telephone of Peter Hounam and other journalists on *The Sunday Times*, who were working with Mordecai Vanunu on his disclosures about Israel's nuclear weapons. Mr Vanunu later disappeared from London with Cindy Hanin, an agent of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service and was jailed in Israel for disclosing secrets.

The author alleges that a private detective who often worked for banks was told that a leading international investment firm, of whom Mr Maxwell was a main customer, wanted his help. He was given a telephone number inside the *Daily Mirror* building in London and spoke to Oscar Guerrero, a Colombian journalist, who had been acting as Mr Vanunu's agent.

At a meeting on September 25 at the Cornavin Hotel in Geneva, the detective met two men, who claimed to be Nigel Dennis and Frank Thorne, *Daily Mirror* reporters. Mr Hersh says the detective found that neither was the person he claimed to be and that one was an Israeli security official.

Mr Hersh also said that the *detective did not believe the* reasons they gave for wanting the phone tapping done but passed them on to a colleague in London, who did tap Mr Hounam's telephone and keep watch on two hotels.

Mr Allason said he had confidence in Mr Hersh who had "empirical evidence" of telephone calls to Mr Maxwell from the meeting, which linked him to the Vanunu case. He said that Mr Maxwell knew three days before his disappearance from the Lady Ghislaine that Mr Hersh intended to release details of the Geneva meeting.

The MP, who used parliamentary privilege to raise allegations in the book, including Mr Maxwell's close relationship with Mossad, called on Mirror Group Newspapers to hold a full enquiry.

George Galloway, Labour MP for Glasgow Hillhead, who also raised the matter in the Commons, said he would be pressing tomorrow for a full debate in the House.

Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, said that had Mr Hounam's home telephone been tapped it could not have led Mossad to Mr Vanunu, as he was not one of the two people who knew his whereabouts. "I don't discount the possibility that there was a conspiracy, but Mr Hersh has not produced any evidence of it."

He said the newpaper believed that Israeli intelligence agents had posed as a TV crew outside the offices, seen Mr Vanunu crouched in the back of a car and followed him to a hotel where two days later he was approached by Ms Hanin, a Mossad agent.

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Redgrave wins top award

By Simon Tait
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

VANESSA Redgrave received a best actress award yesterday for her portrayal of the dancer Isadora Duncan in *When She Danced*, at the Globe Theatre in London's West End.

After receiving the *Evening Standard* award from the Princess of Wales, she told the audience: "Let us remember the three young men who died in Moscow in August, defending freedom. Without them we might not be able to be here as artists and do what we do."

The award for best actor went to John Wood for his performance as King Lear for the Royal Shakespeare Company but the West End was largely overshadowed by the off-West End theatres.

The best comedy was Steven Berkoff's *Kvetch*, which opened at the tiny King's Head Theatre in Islington, which has been fighting for its existence against diminishing subsidy. The play has successfully transferred to the Garrick Theatre in Charing Cross Road.

The best musical was Simon Callow's production of *Carmen Jones* at the Old Vic, and the best director was Trevor Nunn for *Timon of Athens* at the Young Vic. "The play is about philanthropy which turns into misanthropy," Nunn said. "Let's hope that the philanthropy of the gentlemen at the Treasury demonstrated by last week's Arts Council subsidy awards does not turn the same way."

The most promising playwright was Rona Munro for *Bold Girls*, which began in Glasgow and was then produced at the Hampstead Theatre.

The best play, however, was Brian Friel's *Dancing at Lughnasa*, originally a National Theatre production and already the winner of an Olivier Award. It has just opened on Broadway in addition to its West End run at the Phoenix.

Baker tells prison chiefs to get tough

By Quentin Cowdry, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

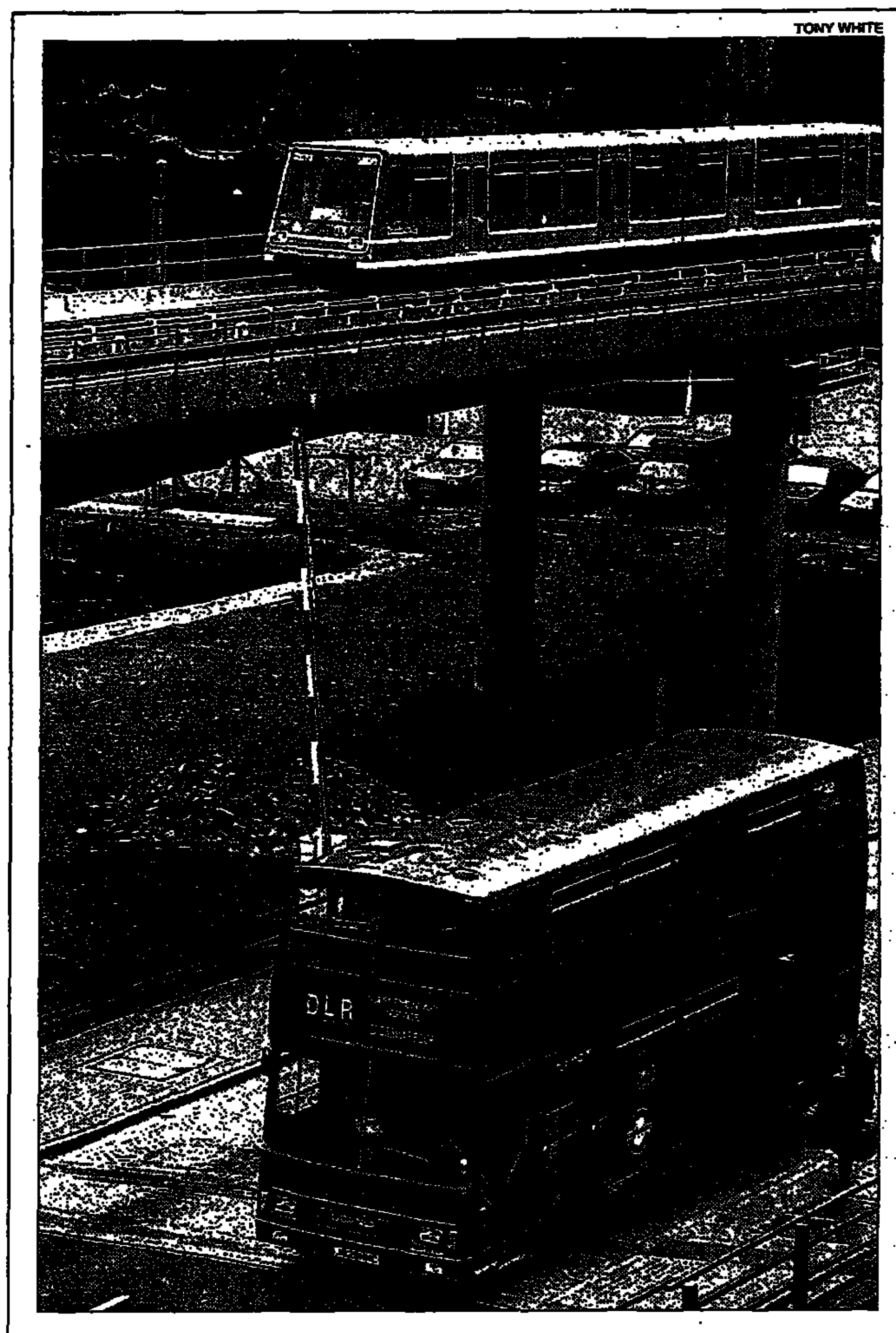
KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, urged prison governors and administrators yesterday to exercise more rigorous leadership to settle the rash of disputes affecting jails in England and Wales.

"It is in all our interests — the public's, prisoners' and ultimately that of staff themselves — that managerial authority should prevail," he told a prison governors' conference in Bournemouth in a speech that firmly underlined the government's belief that industrial relations problems represent the biggest obstacle to penal reform.

As management and unions continued to search for settlements to disputes affecting 39 of the 128 jails, the minister said it was vital that industrial relations should improve. Action has been called off at five jails over the past three weeks, but neither the Home Office nor the Prison Officers' Association believes the respite will last.

Mr Baker also attempted to soothe the ill-feeling he caused among governors when he pre-empted the findings of a Home Office disciplinary enquiry set up after the escape last July of two IRA suspects from Brixton jail. He told reporters weeks before the enquiry had finished that Reg Withers, governor of Brixton at the time of the break-out, had been partly to blame for the debacle.

Yesterday, he paid tribute to Mr Withers's loyalty over 37 years of service.



TONY WHITE

Me and my shadow: a supplementary bus runs parallel to the Docklands Light Railway. The buses were introduced by the line's former managers, London Transport, who felt that the service needed a back-up. So far the buses have cost around £250,000. A DLR spokesman said: "For most of the day the buses are travelling empty. London Transport feels a responsibility to provide an integrated transport service." Yesterday, London Docklands Development Corporation officials and MPs rode the railway to mark the change in its control. From left, are Sir Peter Levene, Michael Portillo MP, John Bygate, managing director of the railway, and Michael Heseltine.

Sir Peter to head dockland railway

By Michael Dynes
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SIR Peter Levene, the former arms company chairman who was brought in to transform procurement at the defence ministry in 1985, has been appointed as chairman of the Docklands light railway.

The appointment coincides with the decision by Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to strip London Transport of its powers to run the light railway, and transfer ownership and control to the *London Docklands Development Corporation*.

Although nominally accountable to the development corporation, Sir Peter is expected to have the ear of Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, who has long cultivated a special affection for the regeneration of London's Docklands. It was Mr Heseltine, as former defence secretary, who was responsible for recruiting Sir Peter into the civil service.

After five years as head of defence procurement, Sir Peter was credited with transforming the defence ministry's notoriously cosy relationship with defence contractors, saving millions of pounds of taxpayers' money.

Sir Peter's new appointment will mean his dealing again with GEC, the electromechanical company responsible for building the original £77 million railway and which now carries out much of the work to upgrade the light rail system.

Their paths crossed most notably over the Nimrod airborne early warning system, which cost the taxpayer £900 million before it was finally scrapped.

Gun attack suspect surrenders to police

A man gave himself up to police yesterday three days after the shooting of the lorry driver who had killed his son in a hit and run accident (Richard Duce writes).

Stephen Owen, aged 36, was being sought by police in Kent after Kevin Taylor, aged 33, was injured by two blasts from a shotgun on Saturday. Mr Owen will appear in court today charged with attempted murder. Last night Mr Owen's solicitor Andrew McCooey said: "The fever has come and gone. It is as if the boil has burst and he wants to put it all behind him and face what he has to face."

Mr Owen, of the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, had apparently been sleeping rough before he went to his solicitor's office yesterday morning and then to Sittingbourne police station.

Mr Owen's wife Marilyn said: "He is very tired and emotionally drained. He seems OK in body but I don't know about his mind. He said he was sorry he put me through it but he had just snapped. We just held each other and didn't talk much."

Mr Taylor, of Kemsley, near Sittingbourne, was recently released from prison after serving an 18-month sentence for running over and killing Mr Owen's 12-year-old son Darren. Yesterday he was recovering in hospital.

Safety checked

Three British ports have been told to investigate the handling of liquefied petroleum gas and other low flash-point liquids, it was disclosed yesterday. Port authorities in Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides, Manchester Ship Canal and Tyneside were asked to carry out the safety review by the Health and Safety Executive, because of the potential threat of an accident leading to large-scale loss of life.

Debts increase

Poll tax debts in Scotland are expected to be worse this financial year than in the two previous years, according to Convention of Scottish Local Authorities figures. Poll tax debt for the first two years is still £350 million. By last month, however, arrears for the current year were £584 million out of a total billing of £825 million.

Lowest of law

Some of the highest earning law firms are rated bottom by their employees in a new league table on working conditions published today in *Legal Business* magazine. Hammond Suddards, the Bradford and Leeds firm, with gross fees of more than £15 million and average profits for partners of £167,000, came joint bottom with Dibb Lupton Broomhead and Prior, the biggest regional law firm.

CORRECTION

In *The Times* diary (November 6), we incorrectly stated that James Gatward, the former chief executive of Southampton-based TVS, put his New Forest home on the market after TVS lost its franchise. In fact, it was put up for sale earlier this year when he left TVS. His mortgage is not, as stated, related to the share price of TVS. Our apologies for these errors.

Traffic increase blamed for high Edinburgh air pollution

By Kerry Gill
and Nigel Hawkes

AIR pollution in Edinburgh is up to five times higher than limits set by the European Community, a survey has shown. The survey, the first of its kind in Scotland and the most comprehensive to be carried out in a British city, blames the high levels of nitrogen dioxide on increased traffic in the city.

The figures, taken at 14 roadside sites, appear to be markedly higher than those measured by the Warren Spring laboratory, which runs seven monitoring sites around the country. Six of these have been operating for the past five years, and only once, in London, has the EC limit been exceeded. The other sites are in Manchester, Glasgow, Walsall, Billingham and Sheffield.

David Trippier, the environment minister, said in a radio interview that by the end of next year catalytic converters would have to be fixed to all new cars in the EC which would reduce emissions by 80 per cent. Ken Stevenson, of the air pollution division at Warren Spring, said the introduction of catalysts would reduce nitrogen dioxide levels, but that this change would be counteracted by growing numbers of vehicles. In about 20 years, if vehicle growth followed the expected trend, the benefits of the catalysts would be overtaken by vehicle numbers.

Mike Sudlow, a respiratory physician at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, said that pollution levels in the city were now a matter of serious concern. He said that nitrogen dioxide was a factor in asthma and bronchitis. The gases damaged the bronchial tubes making breathing more irritable and difficult.

The number of patients admitted to hospital or attending surgeries with asthma has risen four-fold in Scotland in the past ten years. "I would conclude that this pollution is likely to be a contributory factor although probably not the sole cause," Dr Sudlow said.

He said that after heart disease, chest disease was the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in Scotland. Edinburgh council's environmental health department is proposing measures to encourage more efficient use of cars.

These include compiling a register of commuters to encourage sharing, and installing traffic lights with instructions to drivers to turn off engines while waiting. The department wants motorists to leave their cars outside the city and use public transport more often.

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'I froze. Linda took the gun from me. She shot him in the head'

Life sentence for Black Widow who killed in cold blood

By RAY CLANCY

A WOMAN known to London's east end underworld as the Black Widow was yesterday jailed for life for shooting dead her lover at point-blank range after forcing him to kneel in front of her.

Linda Calvey, aged 43, who became immersed in the *secret and violent lifestyle of* the gangland criminal, had originally hired a hit man for £10,000 to carry out the murder but he had lost his nerve at the last minute, the Central Criminal Court was told.

Daniel Reece, aged 34, was also jailed for life. They had denied murdering Ronald *Cook at Calvey's home in* Plaistow, east London, last November. Mr Justice Hidden told them it had been a "cold blooded and ruthless murder".

The court had been told that Calvey was nicknamed "the Black Widow" because of her habit of dressing in black after her husband Mickey was shot *dead by police in 1978* as he was carrying out an armed robbery.

The couple had married under armed guard in 1970 after her husband was allowed out of Wandsworth prison, southwest London, for the ceremony. She was then 22. Detectives believe that she became a freelance armourer to criminals and kept a stock of weapons for hire under the floorboards of her home.

Cook was thought to be one of the men who escaped from the robbery scene when Calvey's husband was killed.

A year after the death of her husband she became Cook's lover. He lavished expensive gifts and money on her but kept her a secret from his wife and children. They went on a spending spree to Las Vegas *and he told her to shop* at Harrods.

Cook, aged 56, was serving a 16-year sentence for robbery and was due for parole. Calvey drove to pick him up from Maidstone jail in Kent so that he could spend the day with her, the Central Criminal Court was told.

He did not know that he was being *led into a trap. He was* also unaware that Calvey had taken another lover while he was in prison and that she had spent money he entrusted to her for when he was freed from jail.

Reece, a convicted robber, was also serving a sentence. He had been jailed for 13 years for rape and was on weekend leave on the day of the murder. He had met Calvey when she visited him at Verne *prison, Dorset. He agreed to* carry out the killing for £10,000.

Reece lost his nerve at the house when he tried to shoot Cook. The gun went off, wounding Cook in the arm. Calvey took charge of the situation. She made Cook kneel on the kitchen floor and shot him in the head.

When Reece was questioned by detectives after he returned to prison he eventually admitted his part in the murder after his jacket, a present from Calvey, was checked by forensic scientists and firearms traces found. "I couldn't kill him," he told police. "I shot to his side and he went backwards into the *kitchen. I froze. Linda took* the gun from me. She shot him in the head."

In the witness box Calvey denied murder. She said that Cook meant everything to her and that she never wanted him dead. After the murder Reece went to Waterloo station in central London and caught a train back to Dorset.

When Cook was jailed in 1981 for the attempted robbery of a security van Calvey said she would wait for him. She had the words "true love, Ronnie Cook" tattooed on her thigh but soon had another lover.

She bought a house with *Brian Thorogood, another* known criminal, whom Cook had asked to look after Calvey when he was in jail. Thorogood was jailed for 18 years in 1986 for a series of post office hold-ups and she was sentenced to five years *after being convicted of* conspiracy to rob.

When Calvey realised that *Cook would soon be free she* panicked. She knew he was violent and she was worried that he would harm her when he found out about Thorogood and the money. When visiting Reece in jail she asked him to help her. She said that she would provide the weapon and he agreed to do the job for *£10,000.*

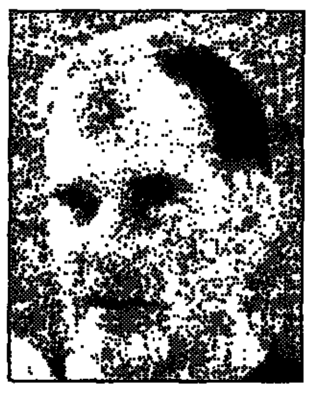
They planned to make the shooting look like a gangland *killing. Reece was to follow* them and strike before they entered the house and then run away. The plan did not work, however, because there were too many people in a near by park. Instead, Reece followed them into the house and the first shot was fired.

Cook suffered horrifying injuries, John Bevan, for the prosecution, said. "The second shot blew a huge hole in his head. He must have died instantly."

A neighbour heard Calvey shout "kneel" and then a shot rang out.

Ruthless murderer: Linda Calvey kept weapons under floorboards of her home

Cook: lover who died of horrifying injuries



Reece: lost nerve after being hired to kill

Sotheby's worker denies 22 charges

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER senior Sotheby's employee was accused yesterday of stealing £50,000 worth of antiquities and defrauding the firm out of £15,000 by falsely claiming commission.

James Hodges, aged 34, of Shepherd's Bush, west London, the administrator of Sotheby's antiquities and tribal arts department from 1985 to 1990, denied 22 charges of deception, forgery, theft and false accounting.

Paul Clark, for the prosecution, told Knightsbridge crown court that Mr Hodges stole an antique bronze helmet and a terracotta bowl, both from the 6th century BC and worth in total £50,000.

Mr Clark said that they had been left for storage at Sotheby's, but there was no record of this when the premises were cleared for building work in July 1988. Mr Hodges took them with him when he left Sotheby's last year.

Mr Clark said Mr Hodges later told police that he had permission to take the articles and forged a document giving him authority to have a number of items. Later, Mr Hodges forged another letter allowing him to operate two accounts under names which later turned out to be false. Both were allegedly fronts for Mr Hodges's operations. He is also alleged to have fiddled commission payments.

The trial continues today.

'Green' holidays help save forests

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

EVERY holidaymaker who makes an "environmental journey" next year with what is claimed to be Britain's oldest travel company will help to preserve an acre of virgin rain-forest.

Cox and Kings, which specialises in long distance tours, has arranged with the Belize government to buy one acre of forest — at prices ranging from £25 to £55 an acre — for every booking made *from their new "green"* brochure and to preserve it in its natural state.

"We have to have a conscience about our travel," Peter Kerkar, chief executive of Cox and Kings, said. "*There is always a cost and we* are trying, in a very small way, to help alleviate the problems mass tourism is creating."

The environmental journey packages do not come cheap, ranging from £1,945 for a 12 day tour of Newfoundland to £5,178 for a 20 day wildlife cruise of Indonesia. The company has also imposed a limit of 1,000 on the number of people it will take. "The places we stay at cannot take any *more,"* Mr Kerkar said.

The travel industry is beginning to take green issues *seriously, setting up research* organisations and holding a stream of conferences aimed at developing an overall policy for limiting the impact of mass tourism.

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Submarine blamed for sinking

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE sole survivor of a trawler capsized three years ago off the Welsh coast gave evidence yesterday to a second inquest on his shipmates.

The inquest was ordered by the High Court after Sam *Skinner said that the original* did not properly examine evidence that a submarine might have caused the sinking.

Mr Skinner, aged 32, told the inquest at Fishguard, Dyfed, of his 12 hours in the *water after the 28ft lobster* boat Inspire was swamped by a huge wave in otherwise calm sea off the Dyfed coast. He said he repeatedly tried to resuscitate two other crew members before they became *unconscious and died. A third* man he last saw clinging to a marker buoy also perished.

The defence ministry denied that any Royal Navy vessels were in the area in September 1988. Lawyers for the families of the three who died — Terry Jones, aged 29, the skipper and owner; David Webster, aged 42; and Ronald *Laugharne, aged 65 — have* fought a two-year legal battle to have the case re-opened.

The hearing continues today.

Death crash driver was over the limit

By PETER VICTOR

EIGHT people died when a dangerously overloaded van collided head-on with a BMW in the worst accident ever to take place in Wales, an inquest was told yesterday.

The 10-year-old Ford Escort van had eight people inside and was being driven by Peter Jones, aged 27, who was two-and-a-half times above the legal alcohol limit.

Mr Jones, of Menai Bridge, Gwynedd, and six of his passengers died in the crash on the Menai Bridge to Pentraeth road in Anglesey on May 25. The driver of the BMW, Alan Roach, aged 29, of Wigan, was also killed, the inquest at Anglesey was told.

Pc Arthur Jones told the inquest that the van went out of control on a bend before the crash. "To understand why the vehicle lost control one needs to look no further than the number of persons carried in the vehicle and the manner *in which they were carried,"* he said.

The van, with two men in the front and six in the back, was carrying almost 110 lbs in excess of its design capacity. "The vehicle wasn't only overladen but was unstable with an excess of weight in the rear. This would have made the steering very light."

The rear passengers would have been thrown about as the van went out of control and an observer would have seen it rocking from side to side. "A combination of the vehicle's speed, its overladen and unstable state, coupled with movements in the rear of the vehicle, led to a total loss of control," the officer said.

Jennifer Cashmore-Thorley, joint licensee of the Panton Arms in Pentraeth, said four of the men in the van had been in the pub "drinking quite heavily" during the afternoon. They had bought two rounds each, drinking about eight pints each in all. She assumed that they had left by taxi.

Peter Williams, the coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death on all eight victims. The one survivor of the eight *men in the van was Neil* Jones, aged 19, foster son of the licencees of the Panton Arms. He is seriously ill. Gaynor Louise Roden, aged 23, of Bolton, Mr Roach's girlfiend and a passenger in the BMW, also survived.

Weathermen see a silver lining in every cloud

By JOHN YOUNG AND NIGEL HAWKES

WHILE the weathermen were yesterday busy issuing warnings of gales and heavy rain for most parts of *Britain, some of their* colleagues were at a London hotel discussing how to sell their services to industry for mutual financial benefit.

The message being preached to the audience of marketing men was that the British weather provided a golden opportunity to increase sales, reduce risk and raise profits. The sales of many products, including food and drink, clothes and footwear, gardening and other do-it-yourself items, fuels and car products were strongly influenced by the weather and in more subtle ways *than might* be *realised.*

Sales of coffee, for example, are higher in the summer when it rains, whereas in winter people drink more tea if the sun is shining. For every degree centigrade drop in winter temperatures the British drink 2 per cent more hot chocolate, but summer-time consumption of soft drinks is influenced less by temperature than by hours of sunshine.

One of the main speakers at the conference was Alan Douglas, former chief duty forecaster at the Meteorological Office and now managing director of The Weather Initiative, a new commercial offshoot of the Met Office which offers a consultancy service to maufacturers, distributors and retailers.

He cited the case of a national clothing retailer it had helped by advising it to delay its autumn sales for a week and to continue selling T-shirts. It made an extra £1 million profit as a result.

Although customers could be supplied with a 30-day weather forecast, the service also provided advice on marketing practices based on complete weather intelligence gained from analysing past, present and likely future patterns.

Some companies were able to react very quickly to changing conditions and could turn production lines round in an hour or two, Mr Douglas said. But retailers were still inclined to react to the weather when it happened instead of using it as a positive marketing guide.

As the talk continued, however, violent electrical storms and torrential rain swept across Wales and the West Country. In North Wales slates were ripped from roofs, small boats swept from their moorings, caravans and trailers overturned and roads blocked by fallen trees.

Ships were buffeted in the Channel and coastguards had to tow a yacht to safety *after it lost its propeller off* Portland, Dorset. Part of the seafront at Southsea, Hampshire, was closed.

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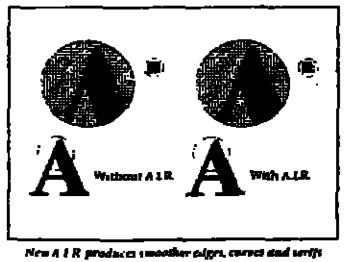
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Multi-faith council to work with inner cities

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A NEW body is to be set up to defuse the dispute between church and state over the inner cities, the government announced yesterday. Robert Key, inner cities minister in the environment department, will chair the Inner Cities Religious Council, which will be a policy-making body and will hold its first meeting early next year.

Mr Key, speaking at a fringe meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England yesterday, said the council would also include members of other Christian churches and other faiths, such as Muslims and Hindus. "It is part of a conscious effort to improve relations with the church," he said.

George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is concerned that the church and government should work closely together in improving the plight of those in the inner cities. He welcomed the new council "as a further sign of the government's intention to work in partnership with the church in areas of common concern, particularly in our common desire to regenerate the inner cities".

The growing rapprochement between the church and government was given a further boost by Mr Key, the son of a bishop, when he disclosed that the environment department would help to evaluate the success of the Church Urban Fund, set up by Dr Carey's predecessor, Lord Runcie, in response to the Faith in the City report.

A churches liaison group has been meeting for some years in the Department of Trade and Industry, to help manage inner city contacts with the department. Mr Key said: "The churches and other faiths have an important contribution to make to the debate about wider inner city issues. We want to meet them at a senior representative level to discuss frankly and freely the development of our inner city policies and programmes."

He linked the debate to the issue of women priests, saying: "If there is one thing I feel the church can do, it would be to start ordaining women who, with their unique gift, would be able to reach part of the community that their male counterparts cannot reach."

Members of the General Synod were greeted at Church House in Westminster yesterday by women protesters campaigning against opposition to women priests.

The Cost of Conscience, which claims more than 2,000 supporters, is expected to circulate guidelines this week for setting up "alternative episcopal oversight" should the church ordain women. The guidelines include proposals for diocesan and national councils to act as alternative synod for the traditionalists.

Key: churches can make important contribution

Church to aid child welfare

THE Church of England will have the chance to contribute to the welfare of children under the new Children Act, a circuit judge told its general synod yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes).

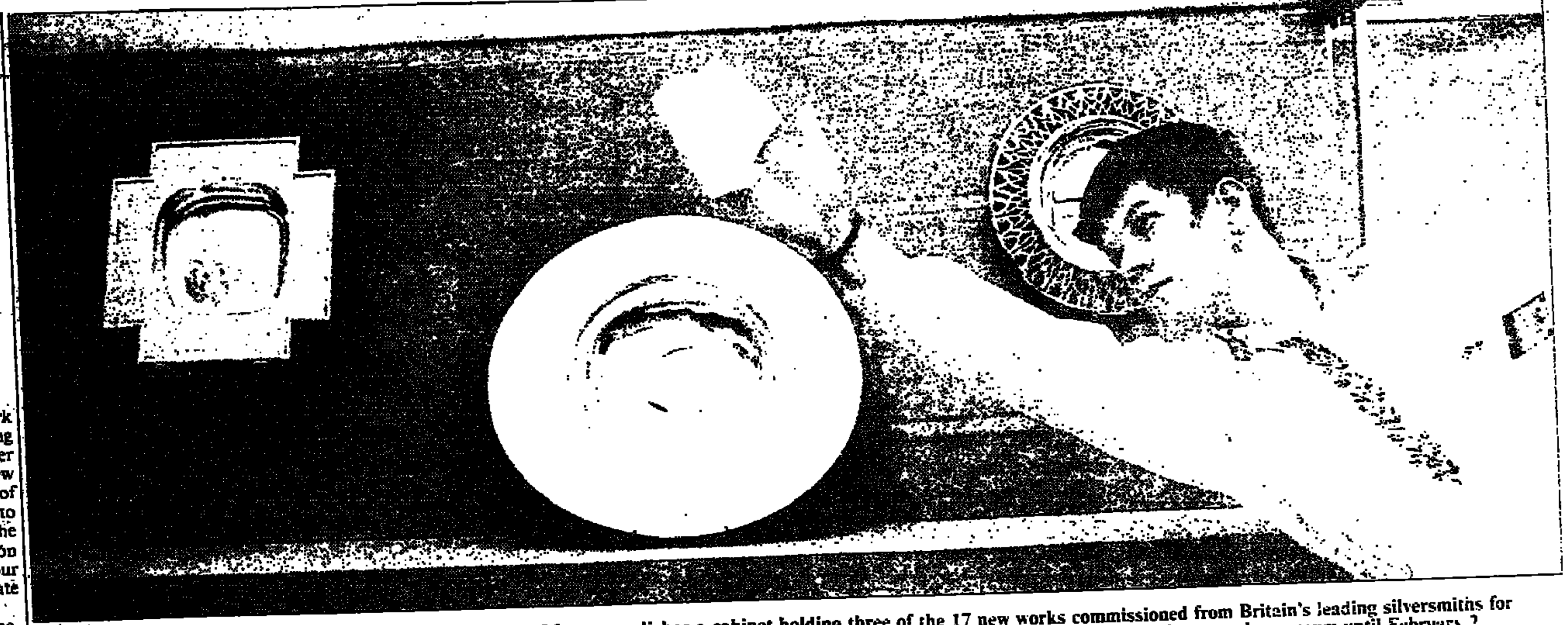
Judge Woolley, a lay member of the synod, urged dioceses to seek representation on the new court services committees set up under the act, which came into force last month. The committees consist of all groups concerned with the welfare of children, including the police, doctors and magistrates.

Judge Woolley, who has been appointed as the family-designated judge for Cheshire, has already invited a representative from the Chester diocese to join the county's court services committee. But most dioceses were not aware they could seek representation, he said.

His remarks come as the church faces declining Sunday school attendance and a growing interest among children in the occult, astrology and the supernatural.

Judge Woolley said: "I have been amazed at the number of young children who have indicated that they have deep spirituality and understanding. This is something people do not often appreciate."

According to the report, *All God's Children*, 14 per cent of children under 15 are involved in a church activity on Sundays, compared to two-thirds of all children 50 years ago.



TONY WHITE

Silver service: Sharon Beard of the Victoria & Albert Museum polishes a cabinet holding three of the 17 new works commissioned from Britain's leading silversmiths for Lichfield cathedral. Michael Lloyd made the offertory salver (left) and Rod Kelly the alms dish (centre). The pieces will be shown at the museum until February 2

Child raid compared to Gestapo

A social worker who took part in the dawn seizure of nine Orkney children after allegations of sexual abuse yesterday likened the operation to Gestapo tactics.

Maureen Hughes, aged 36, told a judicial enquiry in Kirkwall that the action flew in the face of normal practice and said that she had never removed children at that hour. "It almost smacks of Gestapo tactics to get people when they are unaware," she said.

Mrs Hughes also criticised officials of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. She said that one, Liz McLean, who carried out the initial interviews with the children who made the allegations, lacked credibility and two others were inexperienced. The enquiry continues today.

Sinn Fein ban

SINN Fein, the IRA's political wing, may take legal action after a stormy meeting of Dublin council banned it from holding meetings in the city's Mansion House, unless it condemns the actions of the IRA and asks paramilitary groups to end violence.

Toy firm action

A preliminary report into the affairs of Mint and Boxed, the toy dealer based in Edgware, north London, which went into receivership in May, has gone to the Crown Prosecution Service, to obtain authority for police to gather evidence overseas.

Nail attack

Two men nailed a man's hand to a piece of wood before robbing him of 40p, all he had on him. John Parsons, aged 43, who was attacked as he was leaving his flat in Heath Town, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, was later treated in hospital.

York seeks to balance the past and future

By PETER DAVENPORT

A STRATEGY to harmonise future development with archaeological treasures has been drawn up by the city of York.

The blueprint was compiled with the aid of English Heritage and is believed to be unique. Other historic cities with similar difficulties may adopt the idea.

York city council has circulated a draft of its conservation policies to all interested groups and is convening a conference for national and local developers in January to introduce the guidelines, which the council plans to adopt formally the following month.

The conflict between archaeologists and developers is believed to have lost the city several development opportunities. Three years ago, a former city centre hotel was to be converted into the new headquarters of the National Curriculum Council. Development work was repeatedly delayed after potentially important archaeological remains were found on the site and the NCC was about to relocate before an alternative site was found in York.

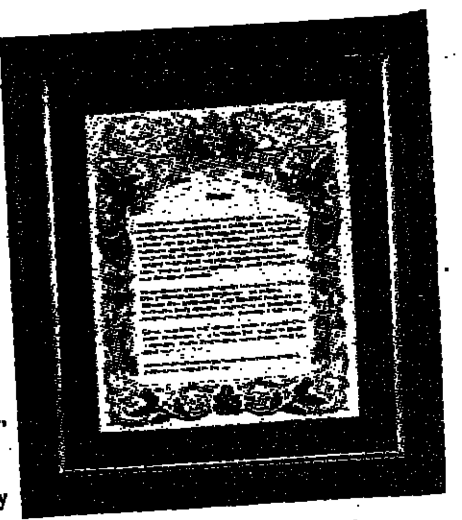
The uncertainty over development may also have been a factor in York losing out to Nottingham on an important relocation from London by the Inland Revenue. It is hoped that the guidelines will end such delays and stimulate extra interest in 35 potential development sites in the city.

John Rigby, assistant director of development and transportation, said yesterday: "I believe we are the first city to develop such a strategy and it will mean that archaeological concerns will be at the forefront of development planning rather than an afterthought. We will be able to enjoy the best of both worlds."

Any application to develop on a site of historical importance will be preceded by an archaeological evaluation. Depending on the size of the site, the costs are expected to range between £10,000 and £50,000 which, say council officials, developers can build into their estimates.

Builders will then have to provide a "mitigation strategy", designed to restrict damage, with their planning application. The destruction of 5 per cent of remains will be "regarded as an acceptable compromise between the need for preservation and the need for development". The council will be prepared to refuse planning permission, and to defend its decision up to appeal, if it regards the mitigation strategy as inadequate.

Archaeological deposits in York cover more than 2,000 years of almost continual occupation, with the five main periods being Roman, Anglian, Anglo-Scandinavian, medieval and post-medieval.



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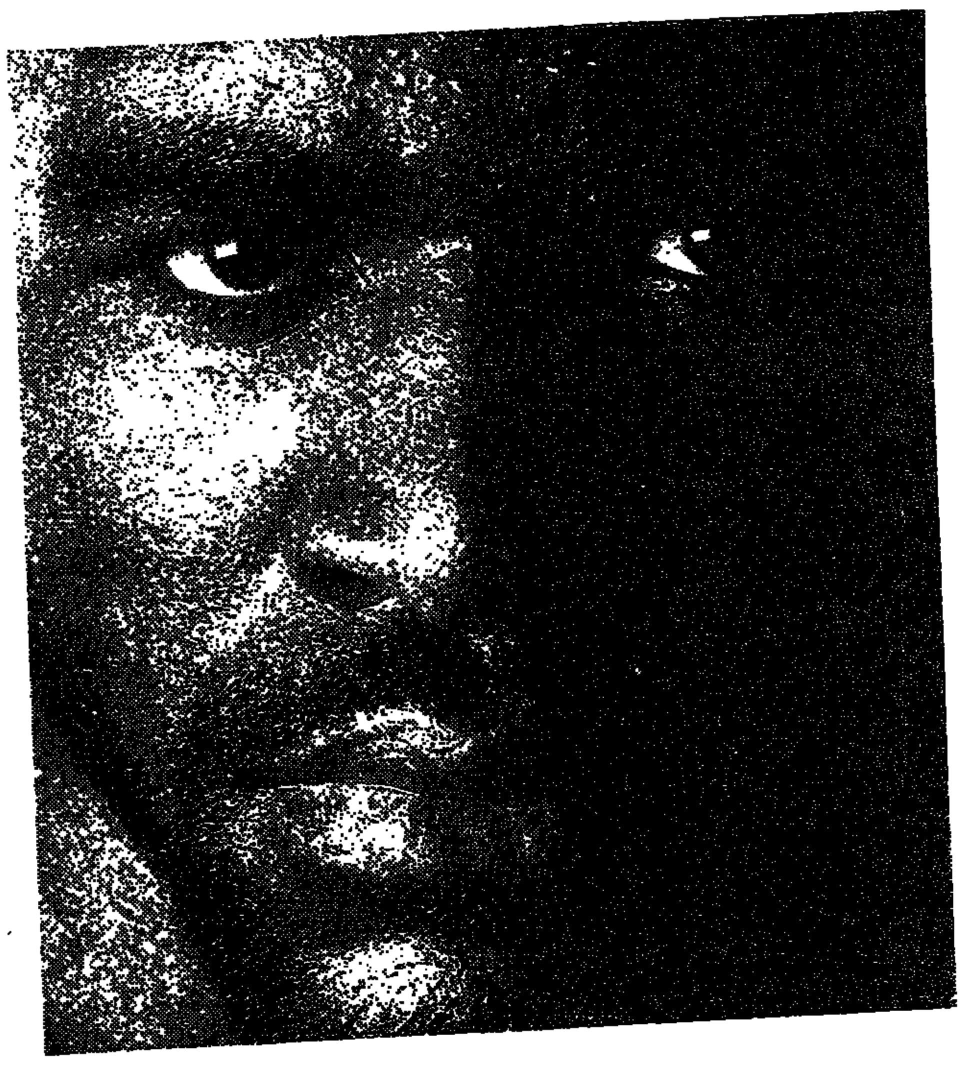

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Archbishops support protests against law's lack of protection for genuine applicants

Church fears bill is unjust

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

CHURCH officers yesterday met the Lord Chancellor to tell him of their anxiety over government legislation introduced earlier this month to tackle the growing tide of asylum seekers.

Meanwhile, in a letter to *The Times* today, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, voice their concern over the Asylum bill, claiming: "It is essential that any streamlining of the procedures for dealing with asylum claims in this country should preserve the protection to which genuine asylum seekers are entitled under international law."

At their meeting with Lord Mackay of Clashfern, representatives of the community and race relations unit of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland expressed grave concern over measures in the bill for fast-track procedures that they say could lead to mistaken refusals, doubling sanctions on airlines flying in refugees, and finger-printing of all applicants. They accept that the bill does not take away the right to legal aid, largely because the government has run into difficulties in requiring the United Kingdom Immigrants' Advice Service to take over legal advice for refugees. But they point out that the advice service is being threatened with withdrawal of some of its funding if it does not comply.

In a recent letter, the Lord Chancellor's office told the unit no changes in legal aid would be introduced until "satisfactory alternative arrangements could be made", but officials believe such arrangements are impossible if asylum seekers are to be able to choose their legal adviser.

The bill was unveiled by the home secretary in the face of over 50,000 applications for asylum this year, up from 5,000 four years ago; three-quarters are said to be bogus and involve a huge social security benefits fraud.

Church officers asked the Lord Chancellor about the limited appeal rights in the bill. Only two days are allowed to a person refused asylum to seek leave to appeal, and he has the disadvantage of not knowing the grounds of refusal. The delegation said afterwards: "We remain deeply concerned that the legislation would reduce the protection offered to asylum seekers in the United Kingdom and increase the possibility of refugees being sent back into situations of danger."

The view of the churches was that the number of so-called bogus asylum seekers was quite small. Those meeting the Lord Chancellor included the Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev David Young, the ex-Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop Alastair Haggart, the Bishop of Kingston, the Right Rev Peter Selby, the moderator of the unit's board, the Rev Theo Samuel, the unit secretary, the Rev David Haslam, and a senior Roman Catholic.

Bishop Haggart said afterwards that the delegation was concerned about the context of accusations about "bogus" and "pseudo" asylum seekers in which the legislation was being brought forward.

The Lord Chancellor's office said that the meeting was part of "ongoing consultations".

Addressing the diocesan synod of the Anglican Diocese of Southwark, Dr Selby called for a "huge international act of co-operation" but said that, instead, nations were rushing to protect themselves, leading to such a measure as the bill which was "a British sympton of that disease".

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JOHN STURROCK

In limbo: Ugandan refugees waiting to learn their fate at Harmondsworth detention centre near Heathrow

Bogus refugees bleed £100m out of Britain

Benefits fraud by asylum seekers has become a national sport with limited resources to catch them, reports **Andrew Lycett**

UP TO 40,000 people seeking asylum in Britain this year are bogus applicants who may be draining the exchequer of over £100 million in social security payments.

Enquiries by *The Times* indicate that in spite of the government's asylum bill, unveiled on November 1 as a tough response to the burgeoning number of false applications, the social security department is ill-equipped to stop bogus claims. The new measures, which include finger-printing those seeking asylum and the introduction of a security-printed application form to deter forgery and multiple applications, are an indication of the extent of the deception.

Addressing the Refugee Council's annual conference last week Peter Lloyd, the immigration minister, said that only a quarter of asylum applicants were genuine refugees. "Many of the rest remain because delays in deciding their cases allow them to put down roots which make removal unreasonable or impracticable," he said. Those not granted asylum immediately are given "exceptional leave to remain".

Seeking to explain the rationale behind the bill, Mr Lloyd said a number of myths had arisen. One was that asylum seekers arrive here after dangerous journeys. "The fact is, three-quarters of them are already in the UK as visitors, students or illegal entrants. They seek asylum for the simple reason that they want to extend their stay. Bogus asylum seekers devalue the meaning of the word 'refugee'."

According to the Home Office, more than 50,000 asylum applications are expected in 1991, up from 5,000 four years ago. If only 25 per cent are genuine, nearly 40,000 asylum seekers are in this country under false pretences, although the Refugee Council rejects that figure.

The DSS claims to have no figures on how many claim welfare benefits, but a DSS source admits: "The vast majority have no means of support and claim benefit." The average level of benefit is £5,000 a year.

Increasingly, asylum seekers come from a handful of countries, largely from west and central Africa. In September, two-thirds of the 3,525 new applications were from Africans, with the largest number of applications coming from Zaire. A DSS officer who investigates benefits fraud in London says that, in spite of political turmoil in central Africa, most of these applications are likely to be not only bogus but also the result of organised crime.

A series of recent raids by police, acting in conjunction with the Home Office and the DSS, has highlighted the extent of multiple benefits claims particularly by Zaireans. In one case eight Zaireans made claims in 100 names, in another one man received benefits in 49 names. Few, however, have been successfully prosecuted.

"Compared with the numbers of cases, the clear-up rate has been pathetic. Benefits fraud has become a national sport. Asylum seekers think it's hilarious, the way this country hands them out money," the DSS source said. "The government wants to make a political show of asylum seekers. It says we're being invaded by hordes of aliens. But that's not true. Rather, we're being ripped off by a few dozen hardened criminals."

Last year his department made 994 investigations into benefits fraud. This year, with no extra staff, the total has already reached 1,671, of whom over 60 per cent involve asylum seekers or refugees. Just two have been successfully prosecuted.

Until recently, claiming asylum has been easy. Applicants have had simply to write to the Home Office stating their claim. Two-thirds have no valid documents or other form of identification. Nevertheless, under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees, the Home Office is bound to assess their claims. When it writes back acknowledging a claim, this document is widely used to obtain benefits.

Mike Francis, principal fraud officer for the DSS benefits agency, said: "It is not easy when identities are so hard to prove. We're not screening out political asylum cases and treating them as fraudulent from the beginning. Our policy is to deal with cases referred from the police and other agencies.

Shops turn over a new leaf

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE printed word could revive the dying English village if a pilot scheme by Norfolk's county library service succeeds. Village shops would become libraries to extend the service to remote areas.

Three villages are being sought for the pilot. Each shop will be given 500 new paperbacks and a computer terminal to link with Norfolk's central information system. Any book could then be ordered and delivered to the village as well as its monthly stock.

Rex Stedman, the assistant county librarian, said: "We are very concerned that village communities are disappearing, and often the village shop is the heart. When the shop goes, the village is facing death. As far as we know, this has never been tried before, but other counties, including Hertfordshire and Lincolnshire, are interested."

The three-year scheme will cost about £85,000, with funding from local and central government and charities including the Gulbenkian Foundation and the Pilgrim Trust. Each shop will be given a £1,500 annual fee and its staff will receive training.

One of the likely guinea-pigs is the shop and post office at Great Ryburgh, near Fakenham, which has been owned and run by John and Mavis Lewis for the past four years. "This is a village of about 200 houses and 400-500 people, many of them pensioners," Mr Lewis said. "We're quite remote, and a number of villages round about have lost their shops and their life.

"At the moment, we get a library van about once a week and, if the villagers can't get to it in time, they miss it. This could be a way of ensuring not only the shop's future, but the future of the village."

Fraudster could be deported

A man who admitted defrauding BT and running up bills totalling £117,000 was yesterday recommended for deportation.

Mohammed Shabir, from Pakistan, rented houses in Slough, Berkshire, in false names and charged tenants cheap rates to use telephone lines in them. He and his associates pocketed the money, then moved on before the bills arrived. Many of the calls the tenants made were international.

Shabir, who admitted four counts of fraud and dec[illegible]ion, was sentenced to 18 months' jail by Reading crown court. He has applied for political asylum after claiming that he risks persecution in Pakistan.

Housing cash

Scottish councils will be permitted to borrow an extra £9 million to spend on housing improvements, said Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, under secretary of state at the Scottish Office.

Crash toll rises

Olive Dubbins, aged 70, of Frome, Somerset, who was injured in a two-car crash near Semley, Wiltshire, on Sunday, has died, bringing the death toll from the accident to four, including her husband and son.

Prisoner dies

David Taylor, aged 44, a convicted rapist awaiting trial for the rape and murder of his girl friend, has been found dead in his cell at Winson Green prison, Birmingham.

Sacrifice found

A burial pit containing a 4,000-year-old human sacrifice has been discovered by archaeologists near Welshpool, Powys, who believe it is one of Wales's most significant neolithic discoveries.

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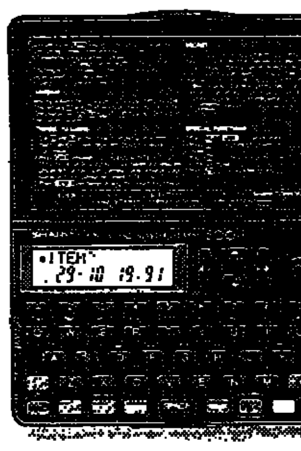

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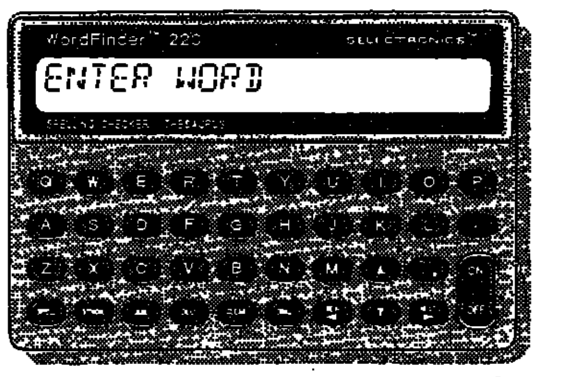

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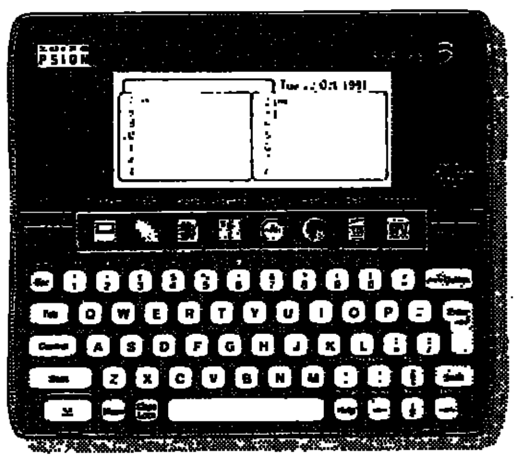

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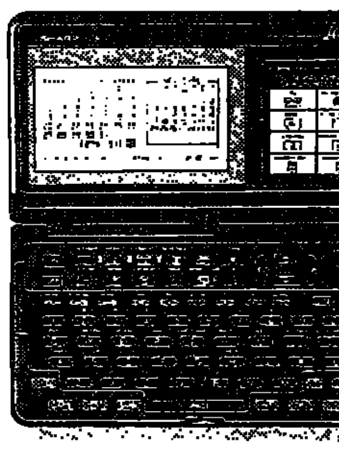

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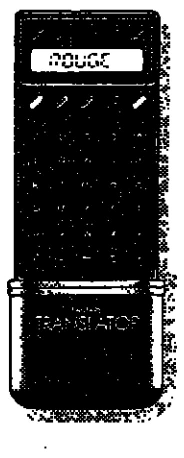

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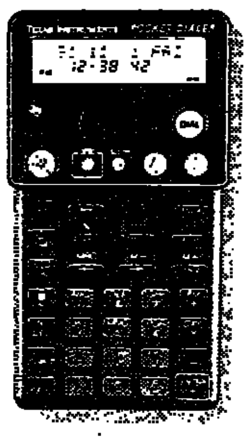

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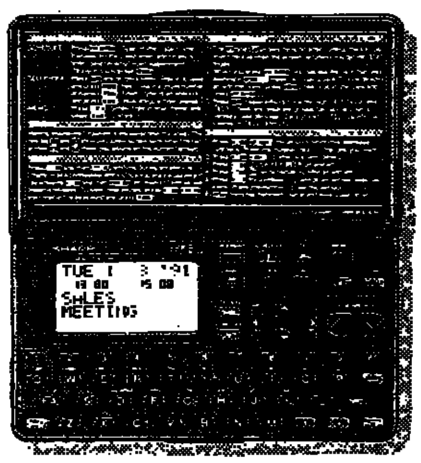

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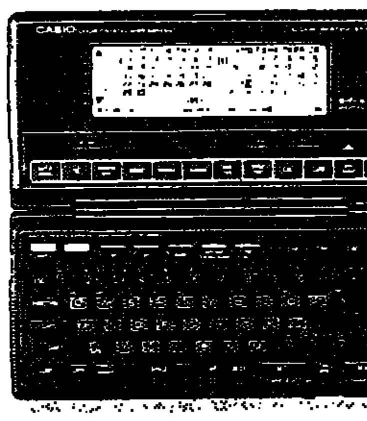

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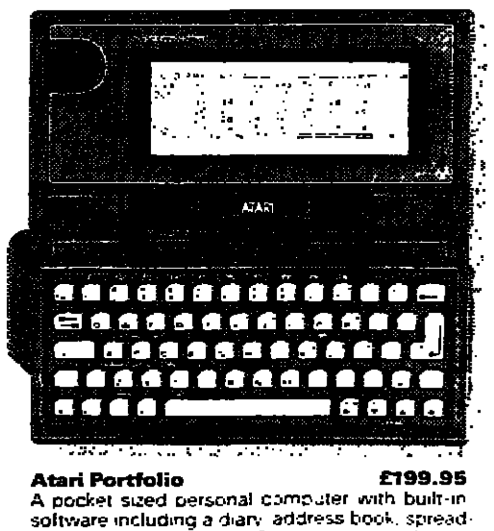

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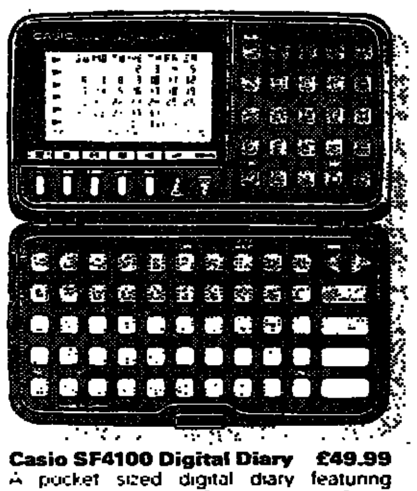

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Blunkett promises to work with Tory tax rebels

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

THE Labour party promised yesterday that it would work with Tory rebels to change the council tax as it goes through Parliament to ease its impact on households in London and the South-East.

As Conservative MPs continued to voice reservations about the bill during the second day of its second reading debate in the Commons, **David Blunkett**, Labour's local government spokesman, said that they had been raising concerns shared by a range of independent and professional bodies. "Labour is willing to work with those Tory MPs who are interested in making the council tax fairer," he said.

Although only a handful of MPs rebelled against the government in last night's vote, several have given notice that they plan to table amendments during the committee and report stages designed to achieve a regional banding of the tax or at least a special band for London and the South-East which they say will be unfairly penalised.

The Commons committee of selection meets tonight to choose the MPs who will sit on the 30-member committee that will start debating the details of the bill next week. It is assumed that at least some of those who raised concerns during the two-day debate will sit on the committee.

Labour is understood to be sympathetic to the idea of a special band for London and the South-East. Mr Blunkett said: "It is clear from the government's own figures that the average household in the South will pay more than they should simply because of the impact of banding properties in the manner being proposed. There are many ways of tackling regional disparities and we should be allowed to explore these fully as the bill progresses."

Last night, Labour began tabling its amendments for the committee stage. It will wait to see the regional banding amendments expected to be tabled by Conservative MPs before formally deciding its attitude.

Meanwhile, there was renewed evidence of concern on the Tory back benches as the council tax debate resumed in the Commons with a speech by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary.

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, MP for Perth and Kinross, described the government's proposals "as a system of socialist taxation". He asked the minister to explain "to a simple fellow like myself" why it was sensible to return to a system based on the capital value of an asset that produced no income, and was unrelated to the services being paid for or to the income of the occupant.

David Nicholson, Tory MP fo Taunton, urged a rethink of the 25 per cent discount for single person households.

Mr Lang appeared to discourage hopes of a change when he said that great consideration had been given to the discount by the government.

Donald Dewar, shadow Scottish secretary, described the guillotine on debate as an attack on Parliament itself. He said that this complicated and controversial bill would be forced through committee in three weeks, a committee meeting day and night. "There is going to be no possibility of proper consideration, no detailed scrutiny of important matters which impact upon everyone on this country. It is a straitjacket which makes a mockery of Parliament."

Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South West, C) said that it would be impossible in those three weeks to have any proper consultation with interested parties. "It will be a complete abortion and distortion of the way in which Parliament should consider a bill."

Sir Richard Luce, Tory MP for Shoreham, said that he was concerned to see the effect of the bill on widows and single people. "One watches with considerable anxiety to see whether they lose or not under this new council tax," he added.

Blunkett: pledged to soften impact of tax in South

AROUND THE LOBBY

Cities to get extra £100m

About £100 million more will be spent on inner city regeneration over two years, Michael Portillo, inner cities minister, announced. Urban development corporations will be given an extra £47 million, £30 million will be added to the land reclamation programme and the city grant programme will have an extra £18 million.

Green pay-off

Sir Allan Green, QC, former director of public prosecutions, who resigned after being questioned about kerb-crawling, is to receive three months' salary as an ex-gratia payment.

On a plate

The driver and vehicle licensing agency's sale of cherished number plates has raised more than £55 million since it was started in December 1989, and more than 100,000 numbers have been sold.

Newcomers

The Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter John Nott, and the Bishop of Coventry, the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, were introduced in the House of Lords.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Asylum bill, second reading. Lords (2.30): Debate on unemployment.

JAMES CALVERT-JONES

Hail the hero: Nicol Stephen, the Kincardine poll victor, greeted at Westminster yesterday. The other two by-election winners, Ashok Kumar (Langbaurgh) and Derek Enright (Hemsworth) were also introduced

Bill switches transport projects to fast track

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

PROPOSALS to overhaul Parliament's cumbersome private bill procedure and speed the passage of transport development projects were published by the transport department yesterday.

The transport and works bill will replace the present private bill procedure with a ministerial order-making procedure for rail, tram and harbour schemes, while at the same time empowering the police to test drivers and other rail workers for drink and drugs. It will be a criminal offence for rail employees to e unfit for work because of rink or drugs.

Under the new procedure, oposals for local transport velopment schemes will be authorised by a public enquiry. Larger schemes of national importance will be debated by Parliament before proceeding to a public enquiry and a final decision by the transport secretary.

Responding to fears that the new procedure for large development schemes could lead to unnecessary planning delays, Patrick McLoughlin, the junior transport minister, said that the present system had become notorious for delays. National projects, such as the proposed Channel tunnel high speed rail link, would be covered by the new parliament and public enquiry procedure, although ministers have not ruled out using a hybrid bill to get development approval.

Scottish seats 'can be cut'

By Richard Ford
political correspondent

THE number of Scottish members of the Westminster Parliament should be cut after a devolved assembly has been established north of the border, the Liberal Democrats recommended yesterday.

The party called for an urgent meeting with John Major to discuss government policies in Scotland in the aftermath of the Liberal Democrat victory at Kincardine and Deeside which resulted in the Tories being relegated to the third largest party north of the border, with nine MPs.

Malcolm Bruce said: "The Tory position in Scotland is untenable. The psychological impact of dropping to third place reminds people south of the border that this is a very beleaguered position for a government to be in."

Calling for a Scottish parliament, the Lib Dems said they accepted the case for reducing Scotland's representation at Westminster once an assembly was in place; an equivalent representation to England's would mean 59 Scottish constituencies, rather than the present 72.

Labour dodges the PR issue

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour party leadership is to avoid an internal dispute over proportional representation by ensuring that the report and recommendations of its enquiry into voting systems are not published before the general election.

Professor Raymond Plant, who is chairing the working party, has been told quietly by Labour frontbenchers that the leadership regards it unwise to risk a row in the run-up to an election when the party cannot in any case take a decision on the proposals until next year's Labour conference. He has been told that he was wrong when he indicated recently that his report was likely to appear before the general election. He told a constitutional conference run by Charter 88 that the conclusions would be settled around Easter.

The move to dampen the likelihood of an early report is another illustration of the delicate balancing act being conducted by Neil Kinnock as he leaves open the door to a change without making any specific commitments.

There is increasing expectation that the working party, and eventually the whole party, will come down in favour of a change to PR for the Scottish parliament, the European parliament and the elected second chamber. There are deep differences at the top of the party over whether it should opt for change for Westminster elections, with senior figures such as Roy Hattersley, Gordon Brown and Bryan Gould opposed to reform.

But it is widely accepted within the leadership that reform could become a key negotiating point in the event of a hung parliament.

Some Labour figures feel that a commitment to set up a Speaker's conference or a constitutional convention on PR might form the basis of a deal between Labour and the Lib Dems.

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Tebbit withdraws from backbench fight with Fowler

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

"TEBBIT'S funked it, it's Fowler versus Cash," was how the Westminster grapevine first heard yesterday that the pre-Maastricht back-bench Tory trial of strength over Europe would go ahead without the party's most vociferous Euro-sceptic.

The cry, from a prominent member of Sir Norman Fowler's campaign team for today's election for the chairmanship of the back-bench Tory European affairs committee, said it all. Mr Tebbit, the chief outrider for Margaret Thatcher's anti-Brussels posse, had pulled out in the belief that he would have been soundly beaten by *another former cabinet* minister enjoying the tacit support of the prime minister.

A Tebbit v Fowler contest, a battle between the Euro-champions of prime ministers old and new, might have been a close-run thing in an election that will be decided by the votes of up to 280 back-benchers; Cash v Fowler, a contest between an assiduous but uncharismatic Euro-sceptic and an ex-minister tied to John Major's Euro-coat tails looked a foregone conclusion.

TORY REBELS

The knives were out immediately for the former Conservative party chairman, who in the last few weeks has emerged as the main critic of Mr Major's stealthy moves towards acceptance of European integration.

Had not Mr Tebbit's last attempt to lead a back-bench revolt — over Mrs Thatcher's agreement to offer British passports to 50,000 potential Hong Kong immigrants — ended in ignominy and a government majority of 97? Mr Tebbit, in the words of one gleeful minister, had "bottled out" in the knowledge that he would again prove a paper polecat.

The man himself, who had been telling friends as late as Monday night, that ministers were relying on his good sense not to rock the boat, was unabashed. Within 40 minutes of the close of nominations, he was on ITN's lunchtime news denouncing Sir Norman as a recycled cabinet minister and invoking the Westminster convention that ex-ministers are much too grand to lower themselves to the Lilliputian politics of Tory back-bench committees.

Mr Tebbit said that he had been under a great deal of pressure to stand against Sir Norman, but he did not want to pick a "quarrel" with the former employment secretary.

Doing precisely that, he dismissed Mr Major's Guildhall speech, widely interpreted as a rebuke to him and his anti-European friends, as a "puzzle". The only thing the government appeared to want at next month's summit was an agreement.

William Cash, MP for Stafford and chairman of the parliamentary offshoot of the anti-federalist Bruges Group, assumed the air of an innocent bystander as, to borrow Douglas Hurd's phrase, the fabled gods discharged their thunderbolts. *He protested that his* loyalty to the prime minister could not be questioned. However, not many of his colleagues are likely to see it that way. Although Mr Cash has been endorsed by the right-wing 92 Group, which is normally worth some 80 votes, and the overlapping Conservative European Reform Group, he appears to *have little chance in a contest* in which the turnout could rise from its normal 120 to nearer 200 MPs.

Robert Hughes, Tory MP for Harrow West and Sir Norman's campaign manager for a day, showed that he had done his homework by busily handing out copies of his candidate's election address. Sir Norman left no one in any *doubt of his pedigree, adapting* Mr Major's promise to put Britain at the heart of Europe by saying the Tories occupied the "centre ground" on Europe.

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Arms and the men: Hans van de Broek, the Dutch foreign minister (centre) turns his back on the photographers at Noordwijk yesterday to greet colleagues from Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, Ireland and Portugal

Britain raises hopes on treaty

From GEORGE BROCK IN NOORDWIJK

BRITAIN began to lower its resistance to greater powers for the European parliament last night as foreign ministers opened a two-day debate on the latest version of the proposed political union treaty.

The softening of British reluctance to empower the parliament contributed to an optimistic atmosphere at the meeting, held in a windswept and largely deserted North Sea resort just north of The Hague. João de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese foreign minister, said that he was moderately optimistic about the fate of the treaty. "The words of John Major last night have encouraged us all," he said, referring to the Guildhall speech.

A treaty on *political* and monetary union is due to be agreed at the Maastricht summit. The current draft, circulated by the Dutch government last weekend, proposes that the European parliament have a power of veto on five subjects covered by the treaty. The veto would be used only if a long, complicated conciliation procedure failed to produce an agreement between national ministers and the parliament.

CONCLAVE

A British official attending the foreign ministers' conclave said that the government thought that the procedure was "not too bad". But he said that the government had not accepted the scope of the procedure as set down in the latest draft. The present version suggests that the veto power could apply to outline programmes for research and development and environmental protection and to EC laws on consumer protection, energy, telecommunications, transport *networks* and measures to complete the 1992 single market. The draft suggests that all these subjects would be decided by a qualified majority vote of national governments.

Britain has made a large shift of policy by withdrawing any objection to the principle of what used to be called co-decision and is now known, even *less* elegantly, as the Article 189B procedure. If a political union treaty is agreed, the parliament will exercise a type of legislative power which it has never previously held, although its scope remains to be decided. The 518-member Strasbourg assembly has few powers at the moment. The treaty is also likely to give MEPs a vote on *the appointment* of the EC's commissioners.

Tortuous struggle to mend party's divisions

By ROBIN OAKLEY
POLITICAL EDITOR

WHEN he began his bid for the Tory leadership last November, John Major told *The Times* that the party's divisions on Europe were more apparent than real, insisting that the "hard ecu" common currency policy he originated as Chancellor had been fully debated in a cabinet including Nicholas Ridley, and was backed by 98 per cent of the party.

He had always conceded that the hard ecu could lead to a single currency, but only if it was the free choice of EC parliaments and people. He was against a European central bank and an imposed single European currency which, he said, would produce "economic problems of the first magnitude".

Mr Major echoed the Thatcher approach, saying that Britain could not "swallow whole" policies originating from the European Commission. He argued, however, that tone and style mattered in Europe as well as the substance of policy. It would more often be a case of "Yes, but" rather than "No, no, no", he said, adding: "Sometimes it may be 'no, but'."

All along, until forced by the Tory rebels to show more of his hand this week, Mr Major's progress in Europe has been that of a former whip conducting a careful party balancing act.

MAJOR'S PROGRESS

In his first speech as prime minister, on November 30, he set the tone for what has become his theme song: Britain had to be fully involved in developments in Europe. "You can't influence Europe's future from the terraces. *You have to be on the* pitch and playing hard." But he added: "That does not mean that we have to accept a federal Europe. There is no question of that."

At his first European Council meeting in Rome, on December 15, he charmed his European counterparts as he promised them that no one wanted confrontation. Using a subtle code to draw a line under Thatcherism, he emphasised that he came from a generation which took a "very positive" view of the EC. Privately, he urged European colleagues not to rush the pace on integration, appealing for time to square his party.

He came away without having to water down Britain's *opposition to the single* currency, the extension of majority voting in the European Council and increased legislative powers for the European parliament.

At the Luxembourg summit late in June, where the objective was to avoid commitments on economic and political union, Mr Major was allowed to stall, but as treaty drafts from the Dutch presidency have come and gone, his negotiating position has steadily crystallised. Britain is resisting the extension of qualified majority voting and any European defence structure which undermines Nato, and will not surrender control of immigration, drugs and anti-terrorist policy.

The need to take a tough negotiating stance has made the prime minister sound more combative on European topics. However, as that encouraged the party's Euro-sceptics, the Europhiles and the muddled middle began crying out for definite leadership. The Guildhall speech, with its warning to the critics of the price to be paid for rejecting a Europe everyone else welcomed, was the first instalment of that.

Britons tongue-tied

From TOM WALKER
IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN'S youth understands *computers* better than it does languages, according to a new report from the European Commission.

The report on "Young Europeans" found that only 50 per cent of a random sample of young people aged 15 to 20 interviewed had any knowledge of a foreign language; a *similar sample* of young Luxembourgers spoke an average 2.7 foreign languages each. Only Ireland and East Germany fared worse than Britain.

In computer literacy, however, British youth equalled the Luxembourgers, with 17 per cent claiming a very good knowledge *of computers; only* Denmark, with 21 per cent, scored higher.

YOUTH

Britain also scored well on foreign travel, with only 22 per cent of young people questioned saying that they had never been abroad. France, with direct borders with six European nations, scored just 1 per cent higher. One per cent of young Luxembourgers had never been abroad, in spite of sharing many borders.

The study does not break down each country's attitudes to European union but claims that only 3 per cent of young Europeans would be "greatly relieved" to see the EC fall apart.

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Hors d'oeuvre: the staff of Chateau Neercanne, the Maastricht restaurant where Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands will entertain the EC leaders to lunch. They will pose on the same steps for photographers

UK ministers hint at bottom line on compromise over closer union

By Michael Binyon
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITISH STANCE

THE foreign ministers secluded today and tomorrow in Noordwijk for an intensive bargaining session to see whether agreement can be reached at Maastricht are beginning to glimpse Britain's bottom line on political and economic union.

For weeks senior negotiators in Whitehall have been discussing the maximum package of concessions that the government would be willing to make to its European partners.

So far, any possible concessions have been closely guarded behind a facade of inflexibility, in the hope that in the next four weeks Britain can persuade its partners to move as far as possible towards the British position. But cabinet ministers and senior Foreign Office officials agree that John Major will, in the end, be ready to deal. And on Monday the prime minister, in carefully coded language, hinted at some of areas where he might compromise.

On defence, he gave a broad hint that the government has gone far enough in conceding a European Community dimension. He said it made sense to take existing defence structures "and enhance them with increased European co-operation".

That is broadly in line with the Anglo-Italian defence paper which proposes the Western European Union as a bridge between Nato and the EC, and which appears to have been widely endorsed at last week's Nato summit in Rome.

Foreign policy is more of a sticking point, and Mr Major was firm that Britain would not give up its right to take vital decisions. Britain insists that decision making must be unanimous and on an intergovernmental basis, a view widely shared by other governments. But it is willing, as a concession to the Germans, to allow the execution of agreed policy, in certain areas, to be decided by majority vote.

Mr Major also suggested that Britain is ready to concede, reluctantly, some extension of majority voting. He cited the environment, which transcended national frontiers. There may also be other areas, despite his promised resistance to the "clamour for wide-ranging extensions of community competence".

Whitehall departments are being canvassed as to whether there is a legitimate Brussels interest in education, culture, health and research.

On the European parliament, Britain has set its face against Strasbourg having "co-decision" — the power of veto over the council of ministers. But Mr Major made much of Britain's view that the parliament should be used to control, and if necessary cut down to size, the European Commission. He told the Guildhall banquet that the commission was unelected, and must be "more answerable to elected members of the European parliament".

This is in line with the emerging view here that increased powers of scrutiny for the parliament could work in Britain's favour, especially if such powers could be directed against Jacques Delors.

This may not be sufficient for the Germans and others wanting federal legislative powers, but it would defuse the criticism that Britain wants to sideline Strasbourg. Mr Major also confirmed that Britain is ready to throw its weight behind efforts to broaden community membership and use the EC's influence to encourage democracy in Eastern Europe and liberalise world trade. Britain insists on keeping the community outward-looking because the government believes that the agenda for the Maastricht summit is at least two years *premature*.

It does not want the EC to take any decisions now that would foreclose options until it is known how many members there will be and how the Gatt world trade talks will be resolved. Britain will therefore insist concessions on internal development are balanced by commitments to keep EC structures flexible.

Kohl: agreed to avoid "narrow nationalism"

Mr Major said little of his talks in Germany beyond the agreement with Chancellor Kohl to "avoid narrow nationalism" and "safeguard the best traditions of our national life". His oblique words refer to a detailed discussion of the issue currently preoccupying Bonn: immigration and the rise of xenophobic violence.

Britain is adamant that decisions on asylum, although closely co-ordinated with EC partners, remain a separate pillar of the EC outside the competence of the Brussels commission. The Home Office is ready to broaden co-operation on drugs, policing, terrorism, asylum and immigration but only on an inter-governmental basis.

Mr Major pressed the point enthusiastically on Herr Kohl on Sunday in an attempt to defuse German calls for a Brussels role. He will do so again at Maastricht.

How the timetable unfolds

ROAD TO MAASTRICHT

Today: foreign ministers continue meeting at Dutch resort of Noordwijk to thrash out final drafts on political union: immigration, foreign and defence policy, powers of the European parliament.

Tomorrow: M Mitterrand and Herr Kohl begin Franco-German summit in Bonn.

November 18: Western European Union meets in Bonn at foreign and defence minister level.

November 25: finance ministers meet in Brussels on single currency plans, economic convergence, European bank.

November 27: Mr Major and Herr Kohl hold further Anglo-German summit.

November 28: Mr Major meets Giulio Andreotti, Italian prime minister.

December 1-3: Further finance ministers' meeting at Dutch resort of Scheveningen.

December 3: social affairs ministers meet on social charter.

December 9-10: European Council (EC summit) meets at Maastricht.

Summit will be only the start, Lubbers says

PRESIDENCY VIEW

The chairman at Maastricht sees Major's point but says unity is the goal, reports
George Brock

THE Dutch prime minister, who will chair the EC's Maastricht summit, yesterday sketched out a Europe of the future made to look as attractive as possible to a British government still hesitant about political and monetary union.

In an interview with *The Times*, Ruud Lubbers said that John Major knew that Britain's power and influence would dwindle away if the country did not keep pace with the rest of Europe, but that the prime minister was right to argue against a United States of Europe on the American model and against overcentralising powers in Brussels.

Mr Lubbers also acknowledged that his government would look again at the "F-word" in the treaty, which defines the EC as having a "federal goal" and that unwelcome parts of the draft treaty on social affairs could be rewritten. He backed Mr Major's assertion that a deal in the stalled world trade talks was as important as the EC's political and monetary union negotiations, which are scheduled to end with a new treaty agreed at the Maastricht summit. We needed a Europe with "open windows to the outside world", he said.

Lubbers: willing to change parts of treaty

But as Mr Lubbers was speaking, the EC's 12 foreign ministers were sitting down in a resort hotel on the North Sea coast 15 miles north of The Hague to argue over the latest version of the political union treaty edited by the Dutch government. It makes few allowances for British reservations and bulges with extensions of EC power which London has fought throughout this year.

Taxed a few weeks ago with John Major's wish to be "at the heart of Europe", Mr Lubbers had replied with a question: "Is Europe really in John Major's heart?" Yesterday, he filled in the answer.

"It is in his heart. He realises that the UK outside Europe would dwindle gradually, shrink in its position. There's more future for the UK, for its citizens, for its businesses, for its society with the community. And that John Major knows. But he's fully right, of course, to make a plea for a type of Europe which is not bringing us either the melting pot of the United States nor a back door for centralisation and centralism."

In the past 18 months, Mr Lubbers said, the EC had scaled down its ambitions for political union. Governments had realised that they wanted only limited co-operation in sensitive fields such as foreign policy and immigration.

The Maastricht treaty will still have "a lot of substance", Mr Lubbers said. "But it will be basically a political union treaty which obliges [countries] to converge, to start to work together, to co-ordinate, to do things together." After a period of experiment, governments would draw conclusions and decide to co-operate more closely.

He defended an open-ended programme for monetary union, outlined in the draft Dutch treaty on Emu, which would allow any country to drop out at the last minute. If the treaty binds 11 EC states except for Britain to a single currency in five or six years, he said, a few states might feel that they had to "drag a bit".

Mr Lubbers stressed that decentralisation is more important than federalism. Asked if the phrase describing the EC's "federal goal" might be taken out of the treaty text, as London would like, he blew dismissively at his coffee cup. If the treaty's opening section creates "misunderstandings for certain member states or parliaments, then we have to look for a better formulation".

But as Mr Lubbers sits in his octagonal panelled office looking out over a lake and ruminates over compromises, time is running out. "So we don't need any more theology, just concrete amendments. Then we see what we can do."

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Pentagon will cut more Europe bases

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ANOTHER round of base closures in Europe was announced by the Pentagon yesterday as part of its continuing policy of winding down the US military presence in the area in the wake of the ending of the Cold War.

Officials named 71 military installations where operations will be either reduced or, in most cases, ended by 1995. All but 13 are in Germany, and range from small communications facilities to the Daley barracks in Fulda and the Bad Cannstatt hospital in Stuttgart. In all they employ 4,300 American military and civilian personnel.

The only British installation affected is a housing complex used by the American army at Burtonwood. But a forward operations base for RAF Bentwaters at Leipheim in Germany is also to be closed.

The announcement brings to 381, a quarter of the total, the number of European installations from which the Pentagon has announced its withdrawal since the shrinking of the US military presence in Europe began in earnest in January 1990.

Last week in Rome, Nato reaffirmed its desire to have a continuing American presence in Europe, albeit a much reduced one, in spite of the virtual disappearance of the Soviet military threat. However, the move towards a common European defence policy, and in particular the French and German push for a European corps, at once prompted President Bush to challenge the Nato allies to be frank about their aims for the future.

The Bush administration plans to reduce the total number of American servicemen in Europe from more than 300,000 to about 150,000 by 1995. At present the defence of Europe consumes between 50 and 60 per cent of the Pentagon's annual budget of roughly $300 billion (£170 billion).

In late September, President Bush announced that America would eliminate all its tactical nuclear weapons in Europe. Yesterday's list of installations that are to go included a number of missile stations and missile support facilities.

● **Gulf parasite:** Half a million American soldiers who served in the Gulf war have been stopped from giving blood after the discovery of a rare parasite that a few of them brought back from Saudi Arabia, the Pentagon also disclosed yesterday.

The parasite, which British servicemen could also have picked up, is *Leishmania tropica*. It is not normally life-threatening, but can cause anaemia and other disorders. Twenty-two cases have been discovered among American servicemen to date. Seven of those are severely infected. But many more cases could yet develop because the incubation period can be as long as two years.

The parasite is transmitted through the bites of sand flies. The treatment for the infection is a British-produced drug called Pentostam, which is not presently licensed for use in America, but has been made available to the US Army's Walter Reed medical centre in Washington.

"We don't want to spread panic, because this is not the sort of disorder that would warrant that," Brigadier-General Ronald Blanck, a senior military doctor, said. The condition was rare, treatable, and should not lead to even a chronic debilitating disease, let alone death, he said.

Hats off: Yuriko Hase, a Socialist MP who caused uproar by flouting tradition to wear a beret in the Tokyo parliament, announcing she will remove it in future

Phantom rival overtakes Bush

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

AFTER a week of bad political news, the White House was confronted with an opinion poll yesterday showing President Bush trailing his as yet unknown Democrat opponent. A *Los Angeles Times* poll revealed 41 per cent support for Mr Bush and 43 per cent for a notional challenger.

The White House put a brave face on it. The good news from the poll, a Bush aide commented, was that the president would easily beat any named Democrat opponent. "Voters currently like the idea of a change much more than they like a change to Mario Cuomo, Jerry Brown, Bill Clinton or even to people they have hardly heard of," he said.

The president came to Mr Cuomo's New York home ground for a fund raising lunch, however, knowing that for the first time since the Gulf war he has to struggle for support. In March, he had a 50-point lead, and even a month ago the margin in his favour against the same "unknown Democrat" was 55 per cent to 37 per cent.

In his speech to wealthy Republican backers, Mr Bush continued his strategy of blaming Congress for the country's economic ills. He boasted of his strong domestic agenda and pro-growth economic package, but said that the Democrat majority in both legislative houses was preventing their enaction.

As American voters show increasing concern for their economic prospects, Mr Bush is determined that blame be spread. Until he has a clearer idea of whom he will face next November, he is concentrating his attacks upon the targets of Capitol Hill.

An imminent announcement about Mr Cuomo's presidential plans is expected from his Albany headquarters, where yesterday aides confirmed a new budget plan that would postpone difficult New York decisions until after the 1992 election. This would give him the time and the political protection needed to run for the White House.

According to yesterday's poll, an election now would give the New York governor 37 per cent support against 58 per cent for Mr Bush. Of those polled, 30 per cent backed a Cuomo candidacy for the Democrats, with 18 per cent for Mr Brown, the former California governor.

Johnson sought for Aids panel

Washington — The White House has invited Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the Los Angeles basketball star infected with the Aids virus, to join the National Commission on Aids (Martin Fletcher writes). The appointment would not only give Johnson the platform which he wants to promote "safe sex", but help cover the blushes of President Bush.

Johnson's announcement of his condition last Thursday has underlined the lack of leadership on Aids of a president who was already under fire for his apparent indifference to America's domestic problems. It forced Mr Bush to admit that he had not done enough to promote the fight against Aids and to promise that he would now "go the extra mile".

In a letters to the *Los Angeles Times*, Pamela McGee, a former American Olympic basketball player, claimed Johnson had been a "major womaniser" who had probably disclosed his condition "to warn the thousands of women he has slept with". This was disputed by Dale Beard, best man at Johnson's September wedding.

US Haiti plea

Washington — America has asked Britain to help with an exodus of Haitians fleeing in ramshackle boats. It wants the British dependent territories of the Turks and Caicos and the Cayman Islands to accept some of the refugees until order is restored in Haiti. The British reaction is said to be less than enthusiastic.

Winfrey call

Washington — Oprah Winfrey, the American talk show host who was abused as a child, made an emotional plea at a Senate hearing for a bill she drafted that would establish a national records system, so that day-care centres could check if job applicants had been convicted of child abuse or other crimes. *(Reuter)*

Camps of protest

Hong Kong — About 6,000 Vietnamese demonstrated in their camps for the second day yesterday to oppose plans to force about 50,000 boat people to return to Hanoi. Officials said the Vietnamese yelled anti-communist slogans and denounced the force used by police to deport 59 Vietnamese on Saturday. *(AP)*

Man executed

Huntsville, Texas — A man, aged 54, convicted with two others of killing a probation officer in 1976, was executed here by lethal injection. G.W. Greene had always maintained that he did not kill the man but the Supreme Court rejected by 7-2 an appeal on Monday to postpone the execution. *(AFP)*

Leaked file attacks America

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

JUST days before James Baker, the American Secretary of State, arrives in Peking, a secret communist party document circulating among officials accuses President Bush of attempting to overthrow communist rule in China.

Mr Baker will be the first high-level American visitor since the army opened fire on pro-democracy demonstrators and the West imposed sanctions. Publicly the Chinese have welcomed the visit, but the document reveals the extent of their unease about the message Mr Baker brings. "It is clear that the objective of US human rights foreign policy is to encourage the development of internal forces of opposition," it states.

The "On the surface, the ideas of Bush and of many congressmen are not the same," the report reads. "In fact, they are different tunes rendered with the same voice, reaching the same goal by different roads, they all aim to make us collapse and to peacefully transform China." The secrecy of the 16-page document underlines the sensitivity in Peking of relations with Washington. Mr Bush has been reluctant to end trade privileges with China following the student killings, a move praised by Li Peng, the prime minister.

FBI calls tune in Mafia case

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

AFTER years of humiliation at the hands of John Gotti, the alleged "Dapper Don" of the New York underworld, prosecutors basked in their triumph yesterday after revealing that they had persuaded his right-hand man to give evidence against him.

In what the police depicted as one of the biggest betrayals in the treason-stained history of the Mafia, Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, the alleged consigliere of the Gambino crime family, was reported to be "singing his head off" to FBI agents.

In return, three murder charges against him are to be dropped and he will plead guilty only to racketeering. "Gravano's stunning flip is the most significant defection of a major mob figure in recent history," *New York Newsday* commented. The *New York Post* called it a "stunning coup that threatens to destroy John Gotti".

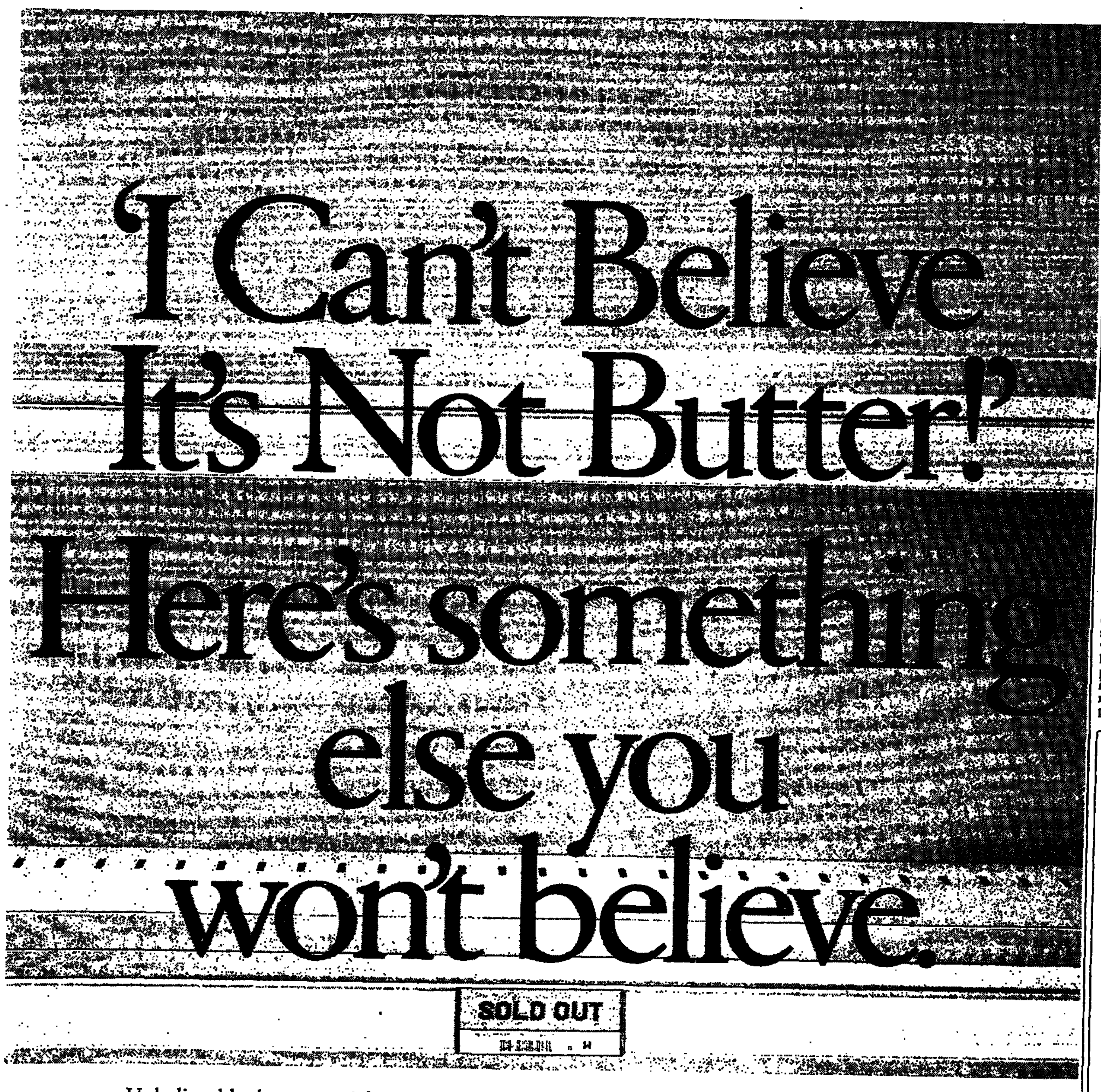
Mr Gotti, who is said by prosecutors to lead the Gambinos, the biggest of New York's five Mafia clans, is awaiting trial in January on charges, among others, of murder, racketeering and conspiracy. Over the years he has earned the nickname "Teflon Don" after being acquitted in successive attempts to convict him of crime.

Mr Gravano, who is aged 46, is said to have been Mr Gotti's closest confidant since the two were "made" together as Mafia soldiers and worked their way up the Gambino hierarchy in the 1970s. The fidelity of Sammy the Bull to John Gotti was said to have been consecrated in blood and celebrated in wine.

Mr Gravano's knowledge of the Gambinos' alleged rackets, ranging from extortion to drugs and domination of the New York cement industry, was said to be enough to "completely destroy" the city's biggest crime ring. "This is unprecedented in the annals of New York organised crime," said Edward McDonald, former chief of the FBI's anti-Mafia strike force, a group which for a decade failed to prosecute Mr Gotti successfully.

Mr Gravano had been sharing a cell with Mr Gotti at the Manhattan detention centre until he was whisked away to a secret address last weekend. He is expected to be taken into the federal witness protection programme, which provides security for criminals who testify against their confederates. Mr Gravano is nevertheless unlikely to be a prime prospect for life-insurance salesmen.

The FBI said that Mr Gravano's mind had apparently been changed by extensive secretly recorded tapes in which he allegedly can be heard ordering the execution of enemies of the Gambinos.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The air is full of city scents: paraffin, cheap fry-ups, garbage, jasmine, fear.

I would like to lie down but I can't because there's no room. There are seventy other women in the cell with me. The things the prison guards did to me I don't ever want to talk about.

Why am I here, I ask myself? I'm hardly more than a child. Can it really be because I was in a play the government didn't like?

My body hurts. I look out of the window and yearn to be free.

Who am I?

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We're herding goats near the old dry well.

There's grass here, if you look hard: a faint green, like the first fuzz of beard that both of us so eagerly await.

The soldiers are in a dirty truck. They get out and ask for our papers. Well, ten year old boys don't have papers and we can't read anyway. They can tell by our accents that we're not the same community as them.

Suddenly, I know what will happen.

A shout. A shriek of terror. A flash of the knife.

Hassan; his throat slit like a halal goat, the warm blood of his body curdling in the dirt like beads.

I will never forget these things.

Who am I?

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I'm at a rubbish tip outside the city. Around me are other people searching through the garbage.

It's where you come to try to find the remains of people that the security squads have finished with. Me, I'm looking for my brother.

Some navy men came to our house and took him away in a car. After he vanished, my mother began to lose her mind.

I was sick earlier. I found this spine sticking up into the air like a tree. The ribs had been snapped off short and the skull was gone. It was still wearing its blue jeans. I couldn't tell if it was my brother.

The navy said he'd be coming home. But we never saw him again.

Now I know we never will, for I've just found his collar. The marines have torn it off his shirt and used it as a blindfold on someone else.

What will I tell my mother?

Who am I?

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I am running, with the giant strength of panic, a small child tucked under each arm.

Behind us, our village fills with mushrooming white clouds of gas. Even from here we can smell the rotten onions. Any nearer and we'd be dead.

I turn and see my wife running a few paces behind me. She also is carrying two children. Her face is twisted in an anguish I dare not confront.

You see, we have five children, not four.

But when the gas shells started bursting, we could only pick up two each.

I will never forget that small weeping figure, running along behind us with outstretched arms, begging us not to leave him.

As God is my witness, I never loved him more than at that moment.

He was my son.

Who am I?

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Who am I? I am every refugee that needs a safe haven.

I am the mother and the father, I am the old woman and the child, I am the young man, and the young woman with a new baby.

I am every human being who is persecuted for my race, my religion or my political beliefs. Every person who is tortured or jailed without justice.

I am not one person but many. Thousands of my names are preserved in the vaults of Amnesty International.

There, in sad drab folders, are the stories of my lives, folded in the darkness of cardboard and steel. Open them and my faces stare up at you out of the files.

The worst thing about the stories written here is that they're not even exaggerated.

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Today in the House of Commons, there will be a debate on the question of asylum seekers.

The Government wants to stop 'bogus' refugees applying for asylum in this country.

They have made it illegal to enter Britain without proper documents – a passport and a visa.

But how am I to get a passport? Passports are issued by my government and it is my government that is persecuting me.

Where will I get a visa? Visas are issued by British consulates. Even if I could get to one from the mountains where I have fled with my children, they would not give me a visa.

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If I can escape with a little money, maybe I can buy a plane ticket.

But if I arrive in Britain without a valid passport or visa, the airline that brought me will now be fined £2,000.

In the past, when the fine was £1,000, a British airline once illegally detained asylum seekers and prevented them even from speaking to British immigration officials.

It did this to save £1,000 per head. What will happen now.

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Up till now, if I landed in Britain, I would have been entitled to free legal advice from a lawyer of my choice to help me prepare my asylum application.

The Government is planning to take this right away.

I will not be allowed to choose my own lawyer, even if that lawyer wants to help me.

How will I tell my story?

Who will make sure that the British officials have thoroughly understood my situation?

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If, in spite of all the obstacles, I arrive in Britain and my request for asylum is refused, then I have the right – not of Appeal – but to ask leave to Appeal.

However, if this new Bill becomes law, I will have just two days in which to exercise this right.

This, despite the fact that I am held in custody; that my English is not very good; that I have no money so I cannot engage a legal adviser of my choice; and that I *must* use the prescribed official form, whether I can understand what it says or not.

No other time limit in immigration law is as short as this one. Even concerned organisations like Amnesty will have no time to get involved.

Since I cannot bring myself to speak of the tortures I endured, and because there's no-one to help me, my story simply won't be told.

I'll be sent back. It means a return to living in fear. To risking imprisonment, torture, maybe even death.

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Maybe you'll say that neither my life nor my death are your business.

But they are.

Britain signed the 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees.

It says that you must permit any person to apply for asylum who has reason to fear for their safety in their own country on grounds of race, religion or politics.

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Perhaps it's futile appealing to reason. So let me speak to you another way.

Think of the love that binds you to your family. How you would die for your children.

I too feel such a love for my family. But I know it isn't strong enough to deflect bullets and whips and knives.

If our positions were reversed and I were watching as your family was torn apart – mother from child, child from parent – if I could feel your pain, your horror, your grief – maybe I too would just shrug and do nothing. Maybe that's human nature.

But perhaps we can do better.

Perhaps we can make our fine-sounding principles – justice, humanity, mercy, kindness – have some real meaning.

So whoever you are, reading this, here is what you can do.

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If you are an MP, about to enter the House to take part in the debate, you can vote against the Bill.

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'Those who are about to die salute you.' It's how people who were about to be thrown to the lions in the Roman arena greeted those who had the power to grant them life or death.

What's it to be for me? Thumbs up? Or thumbs down?

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Soviet plotters 'bugged telephone'

Gorbachev ignored Bush coup warning

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev admitted yesterday that he had ignored a warning from President Bush that a coup was being plotted against him. At a press conference in Moscow, he referred to a magazine report that James Baker, the American Secretary of State, had warned Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the former Soviet foreign minister, at a Berlin meeting in June that American intelligence information indicated a coup was being plotted. "*Novoye Vremya* recently wrote that Gorbachev, the president, through Bessmertnykh, was warned by Baker of the possibility of a putsch," he said, adding: "Yes, and there was a call from the president of the United States himself, when he said that 'information has reached us, I apologise, but I must tell you, I cannot just ignore this information'."

Mr Gorbachev told the press conference, marking the unveiling of his book, *The August Coup: the Truth and the Lessons*, that President Bush had telephoned him to issue his warning sometime in advance of the coup. He also revealed that he believed some of the conspirators bugged his telephone and overheard a conversation he had with trusted advisers shortly before the coup. From the call they would have learned that he planned changes in top personnel. Their fear of losing their jobs was the immediate cause of their treachery, he said.

The Soviet president confirmed that he will receive at least $500,000 (£282,000) for his 127-page book from HarperCollins, its English-language publisher. "That's good," he smiled. "It shows the process has started toward a market economy."

Mr Gorbachev said he would give most of the proceeds to charity. The earnings from his 1987 book, *Perestroika*, he said, went to medical charities and in taxes and voluntary contributions to the Communist party, which he headed at the time. After the coup, he suspended all of the party's activities.

His book does not mention the warning call from Mr Bush. Mr Gorbachev said that most of those at the press conference, including senior officials and aides, were hearing about it for the first time.

He said there had been many rumours of a coup, but he did not give them much credence, because he believed that only a maniac would try to overthrow the government and that any coup was doomed to fail.

● **Party leader:** Nina Andreyeva, a hardline Communist, has been elected president of the Bolshevik Union Communist party, which has been created to replace the suspended Soviet Communist party, according to reports in Moscow. *(Reuter)*

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Chechen academic is killed

From AFP
IN MOSCOW

THE vice-rector at Grozny University in the rebel Russian republic of Checheno-Ingushetia has been killed and the rector kidnapped, the local press agency, Profinform, reported yesterday.

The agency said the vice-rector, Abdu-Hamid Bisliev, was shot several times in the legs and right lung as he was leaving the university, and died in hospital yesterday. It did not say when the attack occurred or whether it was the same one in which the rector, identified only as Mr Cancalik, was kidnapped. It said the rector had been taken to an unknown location.

The parliament in the rebel region and General Djokhar Dudayev, the leader of Checheno-Ingushetia, have blamed the incidents on "special KGB detachments", the agency said. Checheno-Ingushetia, one of 16 autonomous republics under Russian jurdisdiction, has been waging a campaign for independence under General Dudayev, aged 47. The former Soviet air force general was elected president on October 27 in a ballot that the Russian government declared illegal.

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Moscow to cut troops in Far East

From REUTER
IN MOSCOW

TROOP numbers in the east of the Soviet Union are to be halved, Tass said yesterday.

Colonel-General Viktor Novozhilov, commanding officer of Far East military district forces, was quoted as saying the army in the Asiatic part of the country would be reduced by 200,000. About 120,000 would be taken from the Soviet Far East, the Pacific coastal border region embracing Sakhalin island, Khabarovsk and Vladivostok, Tass said.

The Far East military district includes the disputed Kurile islands, claimed by Japan but administered by Moscow since the second world war. The Kremlin has said it would cut its military presence there, now about 7,000 men, by 30 per cent. Soviet and Chinese officials also resumed talks aimed at cutting border troops.

Yevgeny Shaposhnikov, the Soviet defence minister, said in the daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda* that the structure of the Soviet army would be destroyed if breakaway republics started backing out. But he said republican leaders had agreed at astate council meeting last week to keep a unified Soviet army.

Black and white: youngsters tobogganing down slopes near Hofsgrund in the Black Forest, where heavy snowfalls have brought an early taste of winter to the scenic German area

Norway accentuates the positive

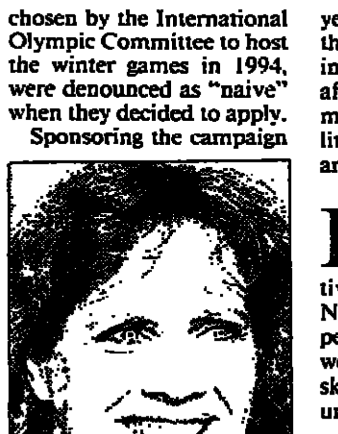
From TONY SAMSTAG IN OSLO

Advertisers have just launched a campaign in Norway to try to build up national self-confidence. The series of seven full-page advertisements and three television commercials would have cost several million pounds, had not all the creative work and media space been donated.

The campaign features such Norwegian stars as Thor Heyerdahl, the explorer, and Liv Ullmann, the actress. "With positive thinking you can cross the Atlantic on a haycock," declares Mr Heyerdahl. Miss Ullmann speculates that if Norwegians had life a little less easy they might be a little more productive.

Other advertisements recall that those who recommended prospecting for oil in the North Sea 30 years ago were dismissed by colleagues as "hippies", and that politicians in Lillehammer, which has been chosen by the International Olympic Committee to host the winter games in 1994, were denounced as "naive" when they decided to apply.

Sponsoring the campaign is the Norwegian advertising industry, through several of its professional groups. Harald Schelderup-Lund, who first suggested the campaign, says the idea occurred to him about a year ago. "For some time the media had been breaking one dismal news story after another. We felt that many of us could do with a little more encouragement and self-confidence."



Ullmann: building up national confidence

He and his colleagues commissioned an unusual, contemplative survey. Of 1,000 Norwegians questioned, 80 per cent agreed that "Norwegians are most often skeptical of people who undertake anything new".

More than 70 per cent thought that the Norwegians' fear of making fools of themselves hindered development. Less than a third felt that would-be innovators were supported by Norwegian society, and two-thirds felt the Swedes were more innovative than the Norwegians. "The closest we got to a positive finding was that 60 per cent thought most Norwegians were stubborn," said Mr Schelderup-Lund.

A few years ago, one of the leading business colleges published, in English, a little book entitled *Made in Norway: Norwegians as Others See Them*, comprising quotations from foreigners. A Frenchman told how during many years in Norway he had entertained many clients but had yet to receive any hospitality in return. "I am still awaiting their invitations. In the meantime, two of them are dead."

The confidence-building campaign coincides with a report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development concluding that, despite Norway's nominal status as one of the richest countries, crippling taxes and prices mean that the average Norwegian has a lower standard of living than the average Italian, barely a cut above the average Spaniard ... and clearly a lot less fun.

Bonn MPs choose leaders

Bonn – Both of Germany's strongest political parties yesterday appointed new leaders in the Bundestag (Ian Murray writes). Wolfgang Schäuble, the interior minister who was paralysed in an assassination attempt last year, has decided to leave the cabinet to take over the job for the Christian Democrats, making him the obvious choice to succeed Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, as party chairman.

He will be faced by Hans-Ulrich Klose, aged 54, who was chosen by the opposition Social Democrats to take over from Hans-Jochen Vogel, the party's veteran spokesman. Herr Klose was the party treasurer and had not been expected to win.

In a close vote among Social Democrats in the Bundestag he edged out Herta Däubler-Gmelin, the favourite and Herr Vogel's own choice, who would have been the first woman to lead one of the main parties.

German retreat

Bonn – The German government backed down on proposals severely limiting access to Stasi files, saying that the agency responsible for the former East German secret police papers should provide information requested by journalists unless this compromised privacy or innocent third parties. *(Reuter)*

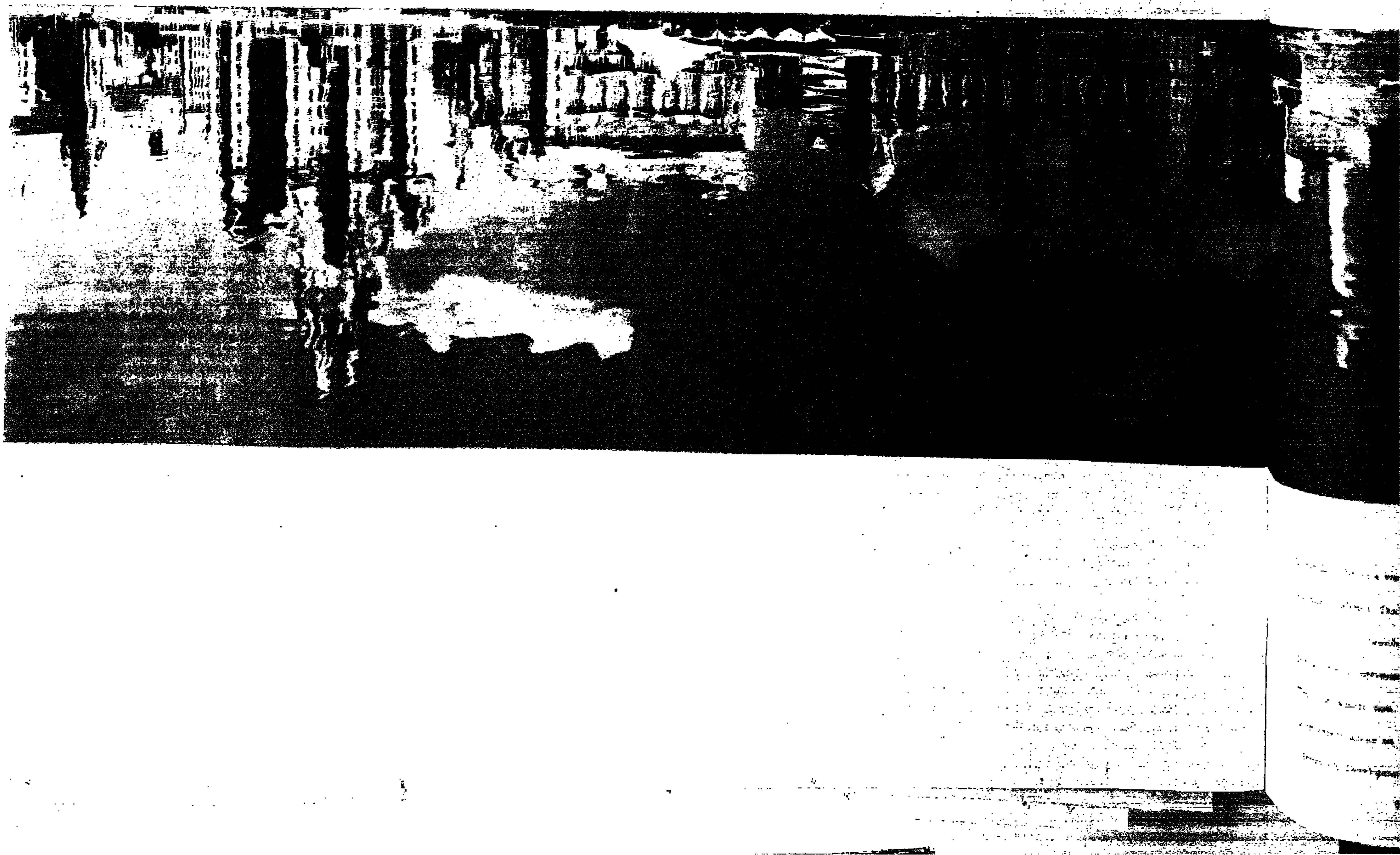
Islam sacking

Paris – The head of France's international migration office, Jean-Claude Barreau, was dismissed after making controversial remarks about Islam. He had said Muslim practices would have to be abandoned in France in order for integration to succeed. In later clarifications he still referred to Islam as "archaic". *(AP)*

Heart-searching

Sofia – Doctors examining the newly unearthed heart of Tsar Boris III of Bulgaria say he died of a heart attack and dismissed theories that he was poisoned by Hitler or Stalin. The discovery last month of the preserved heart in the garden of the former royal residence revived the debate about the tsar's death. *(AFP)*

Success after success is happening on Merse[illegible]de – *it*



UN given an ultimatum on troops for Yugoslavia

From ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB
AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

THE rump of Yugoslavia's federal presidency threatened yesterday to declare a state of war in the country if its request for intervention by United Nations troops was not met urgently.

Branko Kostic, the vice-president of the body which now consists of entirely pro-Serbian members, said last night: "The Yugoslav presidency will proclaim a state of total war and general mobilisation unless the UN blue-helmets intervene." Speaking on Belgrade television, he said: "This is the last attempt to solve the Yugoslav conflict in a peaceful way ... if this fails the only thing left for us is a state of war."

The ultimatum follows the Soviet bloc's surprise request for UN involvement at the weekend. It had previously rejected the idea of foreign troops on Yugoslav soil, saying that any such presence would be regarded as a sign of aggression.

Belgrade has, however, specified that any UN force dispatched to intervene in the conflict would have to be deployed in the areas where fighting is currently occurring — along the borders of greater Serbia which the army backed by Serbian guerrilla forces has been trying to establish. But Croatia, which has also called for a UN peace-keeping force, rejects this move as a strategic ploy by Serbia to achieve de facto recognition for the border which runs inside its territory.

There was no official response from Zagreb to the threat but the government in Belgrade has repeated its stance that it will accept outside forces only along official Croatian frontiers as they existed before the army's offensive began. Yesterday, the Yugoslav federal army continued to pound the town of Vukovar, which has been under siege for 81 days. The army was reported to be closing in on the centre of the town from the south and west.

Croat forces trapped inside the town are reported to be running out of ammunition, and the army is now in control of supply lines from all directions. The last Croat-held route into the town was cut on Monday.

Radio Vukovar yesterday issued an appeal for help, claiming that the town was "at the end of its resources". A reporter for the station, Alenka Mirkovic, said: "The city has been destroyed yet it is still under fierce attack ... there is nothing to be destroyed here now but human lives and if Vukovar does not get help this is what will happen."

The increasingly desperate appeals for help from Vukovar are causing severe embarrassment to the Zagreb government which, the broadcast accused of offering "only excuses, explanations and promises", and no recent assistance.

The Croat guardsmen defending the town believe that the government is wilfully ignoring their plea for additional forces and that Vukovar and the surrounding area has already been written off, perhaps with the intention of trading it with Serbia in exchange for Croatian Bosnia in a future carve-up of territory.

Further fighting continued along the Kupa river which forms the northern border of Greater Serbia and where both Serb irregulars and guardsmen are involved in a village-by-village battle for territorial supremecy. At Bjelovar, Croat forces seized villages in a counter-offensive launched at the weekend. The attack was intended to strengthen moral as the stranglehold tightens on Vukovar and Dubrovnik.

Signs of victory: jubilant volunteers flashing the Serbian opposition sign from the cellar of a destroyed house in Vukovar yesterday

Despair as besieged city waits for miracle

Under relentless shelling and without fresh food or running water, the people of Dubrovnik and their leaders feel deserted by the world and fear the end may be near. **Tim Judah** writes

Yesterday the Yugoslav army kept up its barrage of the besieged Adriatic port of Dubrovnik. Shells crashed into the old town, and a pall of smoke hung over the city. Machine-gun fire echoed around the old town, buildings shook with the explosions and officials paced the corridors of the town hall in despair.

As the shelling intensified, European Community monitors were reported to be sheltering in their hotel in bullet-proof jackets. They had requested a ceasefire while they were left Dubrovnik, but yesterday two shells were reported to have hit their hotel, and the army fired wire-guided missiles into the neighbouring Excelsior hotel from which Croatian units were said to be returning fire.

Besieged for 43 days, Dubrovnik is without fresh food or running water. Early yesterday, members of the city's crisis committee were thrown into panic as shells releasing white clouds exploded over the beleaguered Srdj, a mountain overlooking the town. Fears of a chemical attack proved unfounded as the dispersing mist which had briefly settled on parts of the town proved harmless.

As shells crashed just outside the old city yesterday evening, smoke could be seen rising from several points. The Hotel Imperial blazed on, and, within the old city, the 17th-century Jesuit church was reported to have been hit. One of several shells which hit the old city provoked a volley of machinegun fire from Croatian soldiers or volunteers unable to respond effectively.

As the town hall shook with every nearby hit, the mayor of Dubrovnik, Pero Poljanic, sat in a corridor, hands clasped as if in prayer, muttering: "It's horrible, it's horrible." Another panicking senior official said: "We have only hours to live ... maybe the time is near to sleep forever." He added: "We are helpless."

According to Radio Dubrovnik, six people were killed in shelling on Monday. Three refugees were reportedly killed on Monday in the Hotel Tirena on the exposed peninsula of Babin Kuk. The Hotel Tirena and Hotel Plakir had become home to hundreds of refugees and had been shelled before, but several hundred remained as evacuation has been too risky.

In the commercial harbour area of Gruz, luxury yachts and fishing-boats lay half-sunk by the quayside and almost every building had been damaged. Apartment blocks had been holed by shells, the roads were covered in mortar craters and rubble lay in streets exposed to overlooking hills held by the army. People ran and ducked in doorways. Taking shelter in a building in the old city, Sanija, aged 27, said: "We have no guns, no water, no food, we are just feeding on powdered milk now."

Others in a shelter had a plastic canister with an inch or two of water left. "We don't wash. We have nothing left, but I still believe in miracles," said Ljubica, aged 53.

Cowering in a solid room in the 14th-century Franciscan monastery just inside the city walls, Pavo, aged 41, said that he had fled there with his 81-year-old mother and other elderly members of his family after the nearby Hotel Imperial had been hit and caught fire on Monday. The family home had been hit by a mortar. Breaking down in tears, Pavo, who had only the clothes on his back and his bedroom slippers left, said: "Kings and presidents came here; everyone came and now they won't help us."

Italians quiz 7 on arms

Rome — Magistrates in Venice questioned seven men on charges of trying to smuggle £2.8 million of arms, reported to include anti-aircraft missiles, to Croatian forces in Yugoslavia.

Police said they uncovered the illegal trade by eavesdropping on telephone calls made by a suspected Italian drug smuggler to friends in Italy from Zagreb, the Croatian capital. The seven were businessmen from northeast Italy who were apparently acting as middlemen. They have been charged with illegally selling military weapons.

Police would not say what kind of weapons were involved and it was not clear where they are now. Italian newspapers said the shipment comprised used Israeli and American weapons. *(Reuter)*

- **Munich:** German customs officials arrested three Croats, living in the United States, who tried to smuggle large quantities of arms to Croatia, legal sources said. According to the *Berliner Zeitung*, 80 handguns, three machine pistols, a machine gun and an M16 assault rifle, plus ammunition, were seized at Munich airport. *(AFP)*

Recognition near

Bonn — Germany is seriously considering unilaterally recognising the independence of Slovenia and Croatia some time next month if the European Community does not decide to do so, according to senior diplomatic sources in Bonn. Both Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, and Milan Kucan, his Slovenian counterpart, are expected in Bonn next week.

Japan halts aid

Tokyo — Japan announced it had suspended technical and economic aid to Yugoslavia in line with Western efforts to end the fighting there. A Japanese foreign ministry spokesman said Tokyo would not accept 27 trainees this year under a technical co-operation programme and would suspend a loan equal to about £11 million for environmental projects and could take further measures. *(Reuter)*

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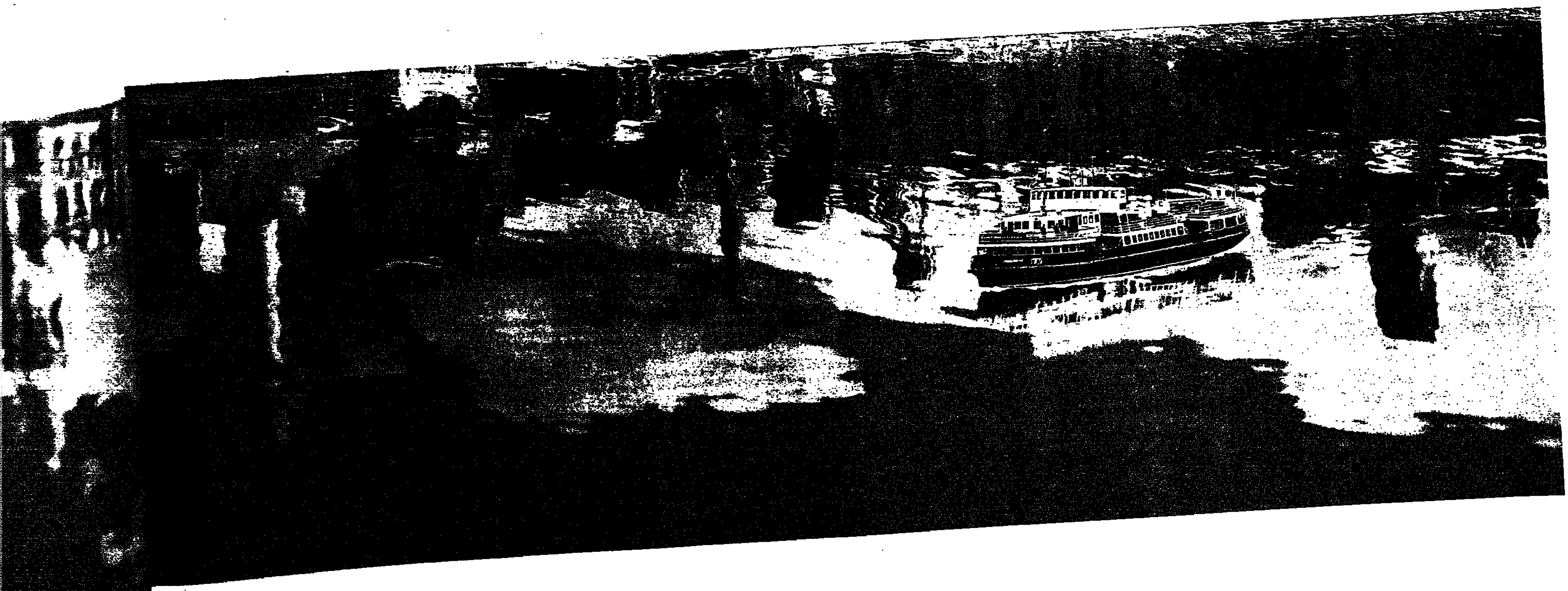

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New era for Cambodia

Loyalists prepare to greet Sihanouk

From JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH

PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk returns tomorrow to where it all began. The royal palace, now newly renovated, was his home when he came to the throne in 1941 as a boy king.

He went on to win independence from France, ruling in an often autocratic way until 1970. Now that era is remembered as a golden age before the catastrophe of war and Khmer Rouge terror.

Amid the maelstrom of Indochinese politics, Prince Sihanouk is a survivor. At 69, his wish is to die in Cambodia. But first, he wants to put this land of 8.5 million war-weary people on the road to prosperity.

"I will do my best to implement genuine democracy for the Cambodian people," he told reporters at Peking airport, where he greeted Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister. The prince said he would work to create a multiparty democracy with a free-market system. Cambodia would be neutral and open to foreign investment and tourism. "This is a very important and new period of my life."

It is not certain that the prince will be given broad access to a people who still regard him with affection. The Phnom Penh regime, composed mainly of former Khmer Rouge and installed by the Vietnamese army in 1979, abandoned communism last month and pledged support for multiparty democracy. But old habits die hard. At political meetings at their workplaces in the last few days, Cambodians have been told that the Phnom Penh regime is still the government. The supreme national council, the reconciliation body chaired by Prince Sihanouk and composed of representatives from the four factions, is only to embody Cambodian sovereignty in the interim period leading to United Nations-supervised elections in 1993, people are being told.

Things, however, may take on a momentum of their own when Prince Sihanouk reaches the palace. "If they tell me to go and cheer Sihanouk I will do so," said a Cambodian, watching Australian UN truce observer troops settle in this week. "If they tell me not to go, I will go anyway and cheer."

If Cambodians still hate and fear the Khmer Rouge, they feel little affection for the bossy Phnom Penh regime or the ruling People's party. Most people here see Prince Sihanouk as the embodiment of the nation. Sometimes an enigma to Westerners, Cambodians call him *Samdech Euv*, or Father. They like him for his quirks and foibles as well as his diplomatic skills. Charming, funny and gracious as a host, he is often infuriating and unpredictable to his allies and unforgiving to his enemies. In the past, the peasants may have loved him, but the middle class and educated Cambodians often say that they found the atmosphere of his Phnom Penh suffocating.

Many people, from the wife of a minister to traders along the Thai-Cambodian border, feel real life will not really begin again here until he returns tomorrow. Only Prince Sihanouk, they say, can deal with Vietnamese land encroachments. His return is considered a harbinger of better times despite the minefields — physical and political — the UN has to negotiate in its most intricate peacekeeping operation.

Raid from Egypt raises Israel fears

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO
AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

FEARS of renewed attempts by Islamic and Palestinian extremists to disrupt the Middle East peace process increased yesterday as the Egyptian government announced heightened security measures at all land, sea and airport arrival points.

The order, published in all the semi-official Egyptian newspapers, was made "to foil any attempt at disrupting security and stability in Egypt, taking into account its leading role in the convocation of the Madrid peace conference".

The announcement coincided with the news that on Monday night Israeli soldiers had killed four armed guerrillas infiltrating from Egypt, with the apparent intent of launching a spectacular attack inside Israel. The border had been quiet for almost a year.

Palestinian extremists and Iranian-backed Muslim fundamentalists have vowed to sabotage the American and Soviet-sponsored peace talks. Western experts believe that the late and unexpected announcement of Madrid as the venue for the opening of the conference, plus the effectiveness of the Operation Pax security precautions, prevented attacks in Spain.

One diplomatic source said: "It was perhaps inevitable that the threats against the conference should take time to materialise. Since the Gulf crisis and the realignments which it caused, the terrorist groups have not got the ready access to weaponry and finance they enjoyed earlier." Western officials remain confident that the peace process will survive any terrorist action. One said that the main parties had already dissociated themselves from any such attempts. He added that the main fear remained assassination attempts against the leading Arab negotiators.

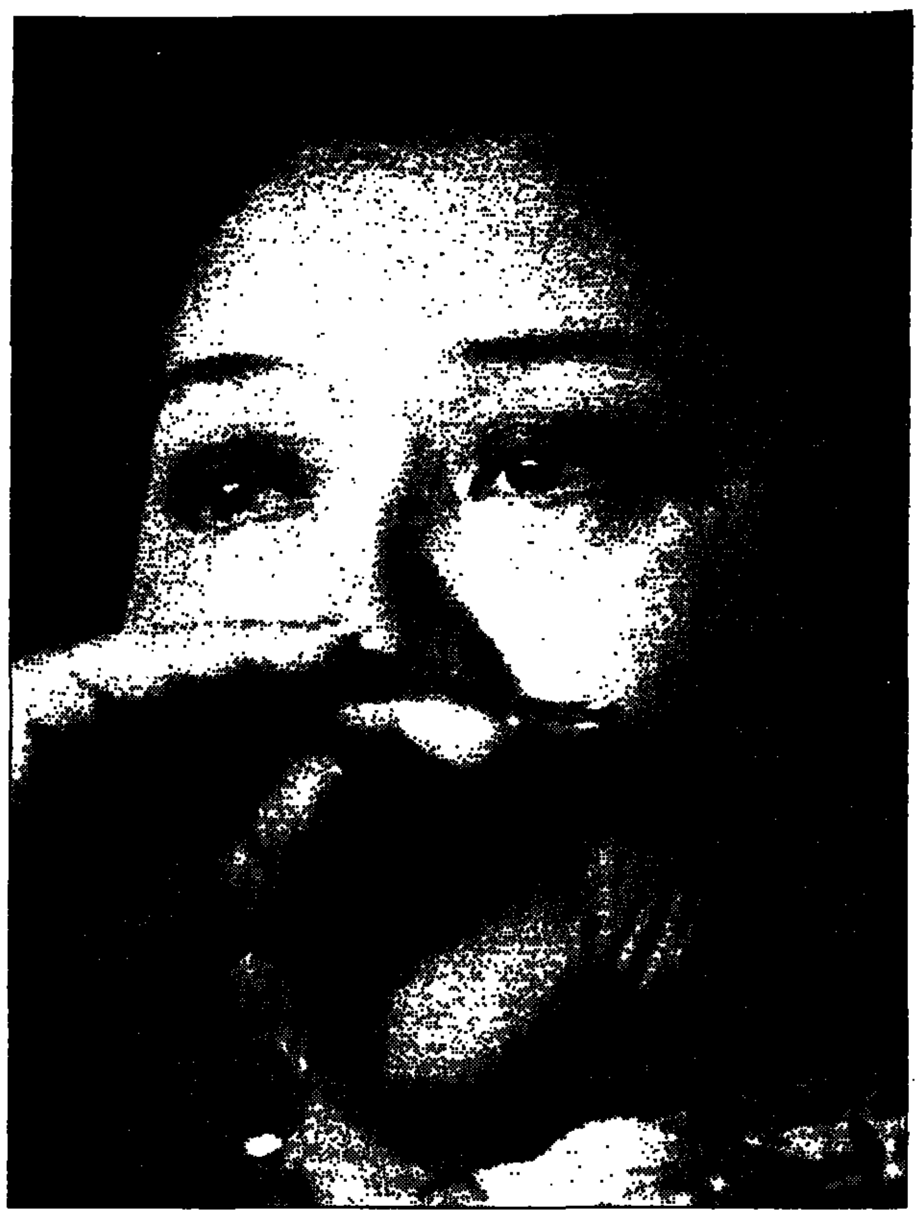
Israel reacted angrily yesterday to the failed incursion across the border with Egypt. Although Israeli officials were quick to recognise that Egypt was not involved in the abortive attack, which ended in a chase and a gun battle in the Negev desert, they said Egypt would have to tighten its border security.

The incident prompted a swift response from the Israeli press, which argued that the failed raid across the normally peaceful frontier only added to Israeli fears about relinquishing territory. The mass circulation newspaper, *Yediot Ahronot*, said: "It is up to Egypt to prove, at least in the field, that the [Camp David] peace treaty is not unilateral."

Israeli officials said Egypt had failed to show any flexibility as a possible go-between between the Arabs and the Israelis in Madrid, and Cairo was obstructing American efforts at rescinding the "Zionism equals racism" United Nations resolution. One official said: "The Egyptians were very helpful in getting the peace process going, but now they have taken sides."

List of Marcos charges grows

From AFP
IN MANILA



Sob story: a weepy Mrs Marcos claims officials desecrated her parents' grave

THE Philippine government yesterday filed another set of criminal charges against Imelda Marcos and her children for allegedly keeping illegal deposits in Swiss, American and British banks totalling about $360 million (£203 million).

Frank Chavez, the solicitor-general, listed 17 counts alleging violations of banking laws against the widow of the deposed dictator, Ferdinand Marcos. She returned from nearly six years of exile last week. Dozens more were listed against their three children on the basis of regulations — imposed by Marcos — banning Filipinos from keeping accounts abroad without central bank approval.

"Their opening and maintaining of those bank accounts abroad were not permitted by law," Mr Chavez said in his complaint filed with the justice department. He said the new cases brought to 54 the number filed by Manila against Mrs Marcos in the past two months. Of these, only seven tax cases have been brought to court.

Yesterday, Mrs Marcos claimed that the government had desecrated her parents' grave in Leyte province to recover alleged buried family treasures.

President Aquino's administration accuses the couple of plundering the Philippines during their 20-year rule, which was ended by a 1986 people's revolt. The Marcoses were allowed to return from exile to face criminal charges.

Mr Chavez claimed the new cases covered $356 million in Swiss deposits now being claimed by Manila in Swiss courts, and "several millions" in two New York bank accounts. The complaint, he said, alleges that the Marcoses held the accounts in banks in Switzerland, New York, New Jersey, and London.

The Swiss accounts were kept in the names of foundations and corporations to hide their ownership, he said. He gave no breakdown of the deposits.

Mr Chavez said the Marcoses had other accounts beyond Manila's reach. "We have identified 104 accounts in ten Swiss banks where the Marcoses are the beneficiaries," he said.

The cases included 12 counts against Mrs Marcos's son, Ferdinand — who returned to Manila before his mother — and 15 each against her still-exiled daughters, Imee and Irene. If convicted, they could be jailed for five years and fined £418 on each count.

The trial is expected to start within the month after Mrs Marcos posted bail. Corruption charges filed earlier by Mr Chavez against Mrs Marcos are still pending with the department.

● **Zamboanga:** Fabian Ver, who was military chief during the rule of President Marcos, has been sighted in this southern Philippines city, police said. General Ver, who faces murder charges for his alleged role in the 1983 assassination of Mrs Aquino's husband, fled to Hawaii in 1986. *(Reuter)*

Chalker demands details on fate of Kurd funds

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Chalker: concerned by conflicting reports

LYNDA Chalker, the minister for overseas development, yesterday demanded to know exactly how the United Nations had spent the money donated for the Kurds by contributors to the Simple Truth campaign.

She also wanted more details of the UN programme, especially the attempts to protect the Kurds before the onset of winter. Her remarks, made on breakfast television news, came before her visit tomorrow to Geneva for talks with Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations secretary-general's special delegate for humanitarian affairs, plus senior officials of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Mrs Chalker, who visited refugee camps in Turkey and Iran at the height of the Kurdish exodus in the spring, said she was concerned by conflicting reports of how groups in Iraq were faring. "For several weeks we have been assured that the UN is managing the needs of Iraqi citizens still not resettled in their homes. However, repeated enquiries have not satisfied British concern about the plight of Kurds in the north or the Shias in the south."

Reports from Arbil, in northern Iraq, said yesterday that Kurdish peshmerga guerrillas had pulled back their defence lines south of the city, creating a three-mile buffer zone between them and Iraqi troops. Envoys who returned from Baghdad on Monday said they did not believe that Iraqi forces intended to move into Arbil.

President Saddam Hussein has imposed an economic blockade on the Kurdish region, preventing food and fuel supplies reaching the north. The government told Kurdish negotiators it would lift the blockade if the peshmerga withdrew from the cities.

The Patriotic Union of Kurdistan said it had agreed to a three-mile strip separating the opposing forces. However, there were renewed exchanges of fire between the two sides in nearby villages on Monday. Iraq's ambassador to Turkey said the government would sign an autonomy agreement with the Kurds "very soon".

Youths shot dead in East Timor

Jakarta — Up to 100 people were reported killed yesterday when Indonesian soldiers opened fire on a funeral procession of youths protesting against Jakarta's rule over East Timor. There were conflicting accounts of casualties in the former Portuguese colony, where an armed independence movement arose after the territory's annexation by Indonesia in 1976.

One diplomat in Jakarta said more than 20 people were killed in the East Timor capital of Dili. The Portuguese news agency quoted a Roman Catholic priest there as saying that troops shot dead more than 50 people and wounded dozens of others. However, Abilio Araujo, chief spokesman in Portugal of the Fretilin guerrilla group, said more than 100 people were killed or injured. Indonesia's army, in a statement 12 hours after the incident, said several protesters had been killed.

Diplomats estimate that up to 200,000 people in East Timor have been killed since East Timor came under Indonesian control in a move which is not internationally recognised. *(Reuter)*

Koreans sue

Tokyo — Six Koreans who were convicted of war crimes after the second world war, and the son of a seventh, are suing Japan for compensation. The men, conscripted into the imperial army under Japan's colonial rule of Korea, claim that they were forced to ill-treat prisoners. *(Reuter)*

Fidelity pledge

Havana — The daughter of President Castro said Cuba was in a critical situation but dismissed foreign press reports that she was ill and wanted to flee as "either exaggerated or lies". Alina Fernández Revuelta said that she had not criticised her father and was not under house arrest. *(Reuter)*

Tokyo digs in

Tokyo — Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, speaking in support of legislation to authorise sending peacekeeping troops abroad, said parliament should not be able to veto the missions. After criticism from socialist MPs, he said it was necessary to respond flexibly to any United Nations request. *(Reuter)*

Police pussyfoot

Peking — Police in the eastern Chinese province of Jiangsu turned a deaf ear when passengers, maddened by more than 600 yowling cats in sacks on the roof of their long-distance bus, asked officers to intervene. The animals belonged to a trader in cat meat and fur. *(Reuter)*

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The satellite war revisited

A year ago, BSB was forced to merge with Sky. **Andrew Neil** (Sky's launch chief and current editor of *The Sunday Times*) and **Anthony Simonds-Gooding** (former BSB chief executive) review *Dished!*, a new book on the air-wave battle

Top story: the Sky Television newsroom the day after the merge which created BSkyB

SKY was always likely to succeed. BSB to bomb. This is not being wise after the event. I said so when Sky was launched in February 1989, and I have said so ever since. You did not have to be a genius to see why

The BSB disaster had its origins in a fundamental misunderstanding of the technology of satellite communications. When the possibilities of satellite broadcasting first dawned on British business in the 1980s, some major British companies were lured into investing in BSB on the grounds that it was going to have a monopoly of satellite broadcasting in this country. It is astonishing that some of the supposedly best business brains, running blue chip companies, were prepared to part with over £1 billion of their shareholders' money on such a false premise.

Neil: astonished at the money wasted

Ever since the Americans walked out of the 1977 international satellite conference at which the Europeans attempted to construct a series of national satellite monopolies, it was apparent that satellite technology was too powerful to be controlled by national regulators. Though many people understood this, those who signed up for BSB took no notice. They are more than £1 billion poorer as a result.

BSB was fundamentally misconceived because it involved a satellite with the capacity for only a few extra channels when it was clear television was on the brink of a multi-channel revolution. It compounded the problem by going for a D-Mac picture technology which was untried, untested and unnecessary. And its finances, second only to the Channel Tunnel in cost, depended on BSB having a monopoly of the skies. Its executives seemed genuinely surprised when the Astra satellite began the real multi-channel revolution, with the promise of a 48-channel system broadcasting Europe-wide.

Dished! [by Peter Chippendale and Suzanne Franks, Simon & Schuster, £16.99] reveals a culture of wretched excess, appalling profligacy and supreme self-delusion as the gigantic venture headed for self-destruction. The executives were utterly complacent about the series of technical setbacks which delayed their launch (the book confirms that Sky knew more about BSB's technical problems than they did) and stupidly blind to better possibilities. If BSB had accepted my offer, made over two years ago, to transfer their channels on to Astra, then they would today be competing with Sky instead of having been gobbled up by it.

By its end, BSB had spent £1 billion and sold 100,000 squarials. It had cost its shareholders £10,000 per household. It has always been a mystery to me — and this book doesn't even address the matter — why its biggest shareholders (Pearson, Reed, Granada) let BSB throw so much of their money into a black hole for so long. It is one of the biggest failures of modern corporate management. The authors of *Dished!* are so busy sneering at Sky that they fail to see why it succeeded.

Sky will have to wait for a better informed account. If accurate, it will be a success story. The channel will soon be in 3 million homes, and most will be subscribing to to the movie channels, the key to Sky's financial success.

DISHED is an easy read and certainly not for the serious student. Searching for business analysis is like looking for meat in a meringue.

In fact BSB's shareholders founded the project on five crucial assumptions. They turned out to be correct on two; wrong on three.

The correct assumptions were:

1. That the public would welcome more programming choice, and would be willing to pay for it.

2. That BSB would launch a technically brilliant transmission system infinitely better than anything on the market. D-Mac was certainly this, albeit launched nine months later than planned.

The wrong assumptions were:

1. That in granting the franchises the Government would give fair and reasonable shelter to BSB for the first few years of its life. In fact a monster set of obligations came with the franchise via the Independent Broadcasting Authority: D-Mac had to be developed; *two* custom-built satellites were specified; IBA rules on technical quality, programming, advertising, sponsorship and shareholdings had to be observed. "No shelter, no obligations" would have been fairer but was not on offer.

Simonds-Gooding: vital assumptions

2. That BSB would be alone in the UK satellite market. Sky was marketed throughout the UK, but because it "uplinked" in mainland Europe, the Government judged it "non-domestic" and therefore free of BSB's obligations.

3. That there would be no severe recession. In addition, the withdrawal of Virgin and Bond for reasons totally unconnected with BSB, made the financial journey even more hazardous.

But by the time the wrongness of some of the assumptions became apparent, BSB was just a few months away from its own launch, and it made sense to press on.

As the recession deepened, the case for merging BSB and Sky became even stronger. It made commercial sense that BSB should look as credible as possible in the market place at that time. It is important to remember that when the companies did merge, on November 2nd 1990, BSB shareholders share of the market increased from a very low percentage to 50 per cent, while Sky's halved.

Latest forecasts look promising for BSkyB and those original BSB assumptions are now all correct: the Government is no longer a factor, there is only one satellite broadcaster, and the recession is slowly receding.

If I were awarding campaign medals, my list and citations would read:

To Rupert Murdoch: for seeing and exploiting the legislative gap; for covering his political bases so well; for using his press power to such effect; and for launching Sky's direct selling operations against everybody's advice.

To BSB shareholders: for hanging on until they had an offer they could not refuse.

To the management of BSB who as well as doing their jobs had to endure a daily cross-examination of their actions by the shareholders, by Ad Little, the management consultants, and by the lending banks.

To all staff at BSB who worked all hours and with their families had to endure months of doom-watch reportage.

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Future promising, one year on

British Sky Broadcasting now looks on course to have the last laugh at the expense of the sceptics.

Before combined losses of £2 million a day dictated the merger of Sky Television and British Satellite Broadcasting one year ago this month, few media pundits, City analysts or advertising executives could be found singing satellite's praises. Now City institutions such as S.G. Warburg, Morgan Stanley and County NatWest have forecast an increasing profit flow for BSkyB once the venture breaks even, as expected, next autumn.

The hard data points to this probability. BSkyB, in which News International (which owns *The Times*) has a 48 per cent stake, has now passed its 60,000-a-month dish sales target, with sales in October beyond the 100,000-mark. In total, 2.6 million homes — 11.8 per cent of the nation's 22 million homes with television, and 18 per cent of the population — subscribe to its six channels, with 1.9 million watching via Astra dishes and another 700,000 via cable television. Over 1.3 million have subscribed to either of BSkyB's two scrambled movie channels.

Within the next three years, between six and seven million more homes are expected to subscribe, according to several independent forecasts. By the start of 1995, Continental Research expects a total of 8 million homes (36 per cent) to be hooked up, while Morgan Stanley and Saatchi & Saatchi forecast, respectively, 8.5 million homes (38 per cent) and 9.2 million homes (41 per cent).

The most sceptical of the pundits, Steven Barnett, director of media at the Henley Centre, believes dish sales will stop at about four million, but that about two-thirds of the population will be able to receive satellite on cable by 2000. Gary Davey, BSkyB's deputy managing director, says the success of cable can only help satellite. He cites research showing that those with satellite watch five hours more television on average each week than those without.

By the year 2000 BSkyB and other channels on the Astra satellite will account for 39 per cent of *all* viewing — not just that in satellite and cable homes, according to Saatchi & Saatchi.

BSkyB, which is frequently attacked for running cheap American programmes, hopes to make audiences happier soon by commissioning first-run British drama and entertainment for Sky One. Mr Davey is now considering commissioning a multi-million pound daily soap from a major British independent producer to rival *EastEnders* and *Coronation Street*. Meanwhile, negotiations with Thames Television to buy a package of programmes, including the hit successful police drama *The Bill*, continue.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

Why was race kept in the closet?

A coloured candidate plus a timid electorate add up to a reporter's dilemma

A MAN with a huge Alsatian dog was the first to let me in on the problem faced by Labour voters in last week's Langbaurgh by-election: "They've made a big mistake. I'm Labour and I always will be, but I know lots like me who won't vote for a Paki."

A local reporter picked up the theme. "I can take you to some of the mining villages in East Cleveland, solid Labour, where there are people who've never even seen a black face," he said.

The seat had been held by the Tories at the general election with a majority of only 2,088. Yet Labour was asking an electorate that was almost entirely white to vote for an Asian candidate. There was no shortage of people prepared to whisper doubts. But would they voice them on the record? No.

Canvass returns failed to identify race as an issue. All the parties said so. When Ashok Kumar, Labour's candidate, was asked "Won't being Asian be a factor against you for many Labour voters?", he gave the textbook reply: "I had hoped this would not become an issue, but if the press decide it is important, then it will become an issue."

Here, then, was the dilemma. No overt racial attacks had been made. Was it really the media's job to fan the flames of racial hatred? Our solution on *Newsnight* was to report that Mr Kumar was the probable favourite to win, but there was no Asian community in Langbaurgh and some feared his origins could count against him.

In the end, on the day before polling, the parties changed their minds. Having played down the story for so long, Labour, Tories and Liberal Democrats were suddenly accusing each other of bringing race into politics. The final exit poll now appears to have confirmed the attitudes we had witnessed all along. Asked directly, people said they had voted Labour; in the privacy of the polling booth they had not. Mr Kumar won, but only by 1,975 votes.

Some 40 non-white candidates are preparing to contest seats in the general election. The Langbaurgh poll suggests that no matter how many journalists decide to sit on the explosive issue of race, sooner or later it will go off.

STEVE ANDERSON

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STAGE DESIGN

Matching up to the set game

Young stage designers, argues **Joseph Williams**, are in need of encouragement to enter a crowded and undervalued profession

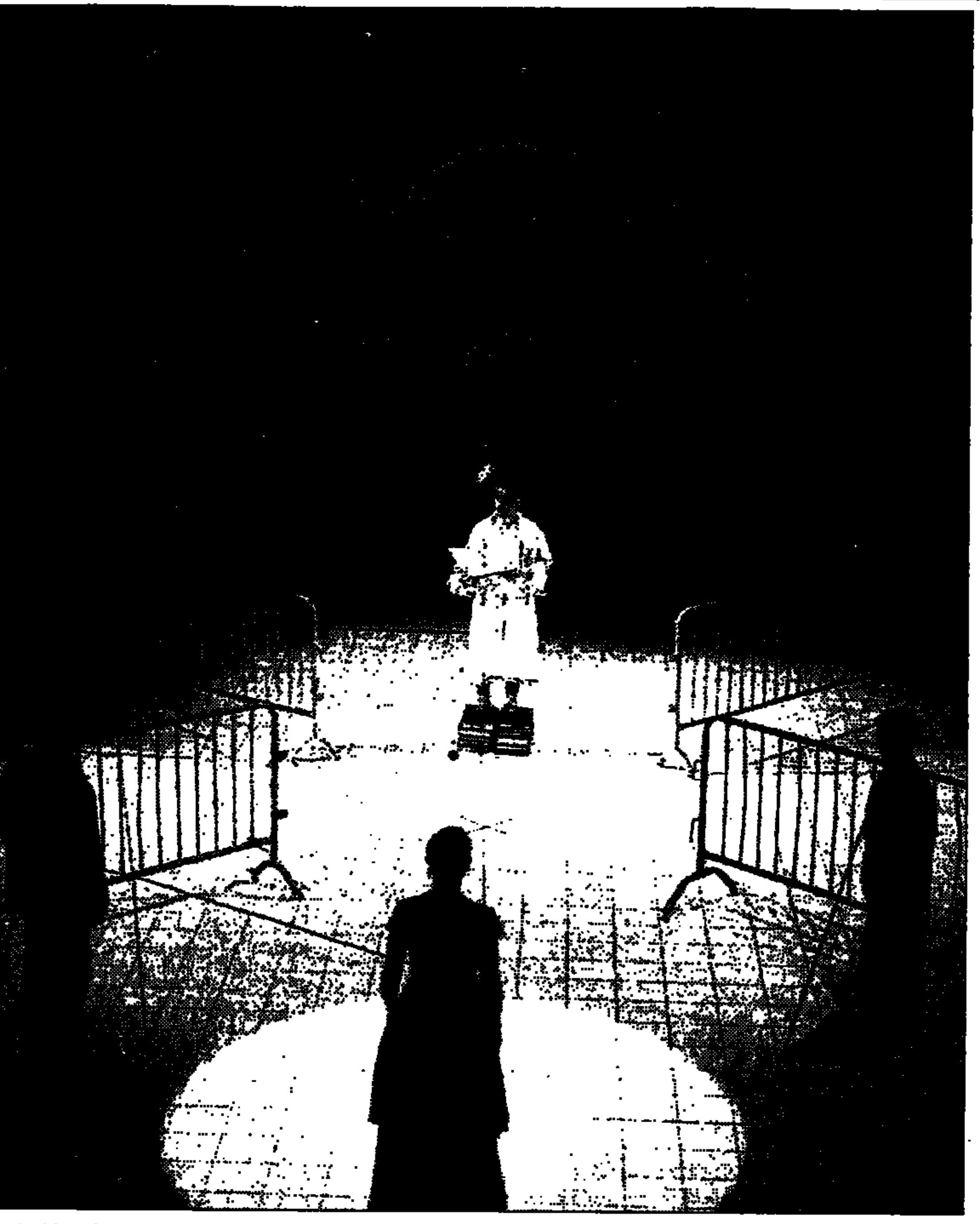
The polite method of rubbishing a theatrical production is: "Well, at least the set and the costumes were nice." Conversely, in a fine production, the set is often taken for granted, precisely because it fits so perfectly the look and mood of the piece. But although design is an intrinsic part of our theatrical experience, life is not easy for a stage designer. The top theatre design schools in Britain — about seven in all — attract thousands of applicants each year. But only a small number of their 120-odd graduates will make a good living from making sets.

Tomorrow, the National Theatre unveils an exhibition of the work of 15 gifted new theatre design graduates, three of whom are announced today as winners in the 1991 Linbury awards for stage design. The biennial competition, sponsored by the Linbury Trust, one of the Sainsbury family's charitable trusts, offers three young designers the chance to break into a virtually impossible market: this year's winners will work with Opera North, the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield and Second Stride. Among the winners in 1989, the first year of the Linbury prize, Neil Warmington was commissioned to design the recent *Coriolanus* for the National Youth Theatre; while Tim Hatley was commissioned to design a dancework by one of Britain's leading choreographers, Richard Alston, which last month enjoyed a West End run.

"The Linbury is almost like the last bastion of somebody coming in to help," says Bob Crowley, designer of Martin Sherman's *When She Danced* and David Hare's *Racing Demon*. "It's incredibly difficult for the young kids. Very few can get their foot in the door. The whole rep system is being dismantled gradually around the country. I get dozens of letters a week from designers wanting to work with me."

He stresses the importance of maintaining schemes run by the Arts Council whereby three or four newcomers are attached each year to a professional theatre, the cost of the wages shared by the Arts Council and the theatre. "I wouldn't have got my first job without the scheme, and the first job is the most important." However, the Arts Council's current scheme (which is mostly limited to young peoples' theatre) is closing this year due to restructuring and there are no plans to reinstate it.

Tim Hatley argues that his Linbury award led directly to working with Rambert Dance Company, designing Alston's *Roughcut*, an opportunity Hatley probably would not otherwise have had. So how can newcomers break in? "They've got to be mad, for a start," he says. "There's plenty of work on the fringe, but for absolutely no money. Designers tend to sit around waiting for directors to initiate something. It would be interesting if they took up the initiative and found directors."



Neil Warmington designed *Coriolanus* for the National Youth Theatre after winning a 1989 Linbury prize

But with so many designers chasing so few jobs, why are the design schools not trimming their annual intake? The dilemma for teachers is that while visiting staff have been cut — meaning fewer opportunities for visiting professional directors and actors to work with students — more students are accepted each year.

Design is expensive to teach, as well as to practise. Few professions need to combine a scientific knowledge of the principles of construction with an artist's response to drama. An understanding of welding, thermoplastics, elevation, electricity, period costume — this is not even half the battle. Designers must also create tension in a set, so strong that the audience is hooked before the first actor has entered. Is not the strength of Peter Hall's *Tartuffe* at the Playhouse increased by Timothy O'Brien's slowly darkening enclosing set?

"Design has become much more thought about in the last couple of decades," says O'Brien, arguing that television has helped raise the profile of design. "The public has learnt to think in terms of easily consumed images [from television]. At a time I can remember, there wasn't a particularly recognised way of becoming a theatre designer. You battered away at an idea until you got jobs and then you were one."

Nowadays, the design stakes are getting higher and higher. Not only are sets becoming increasingly spectacular, as in blockbusters such as *Starlight Express*, but designers are sometimes becoming as famous as the stars: Jasper Conran designing elaborate costumes for Jean Anouilh's *The Rehearsal*, and Derek Jarman designing *Waiting for Godot*, which stars Rick Mayall.

The costs of theatre design can be Wagnerian. As one designer put it, £50,000 — earmarked for stage design only — is a huge budget for a small-scale fringe theatre in London but an absolute squeeze for a production at the National's Olivier. The design budget alone for Alan Bennett's forthcoming premiere of *The Madness of George III* is £70,000, and the budget for a big West End musical — just for stage design — can run into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Maria Bjørnson's designs for *Aspects of Love* required nine tons of scenery to be assembled, in a four-week deadline, a colossal steel frame fitting perfectly into the Prince of Wales Theatre. Stage sets are magical, expected to revolve, turn inside out and upside down, at the touch of a button. We crave more and more special stage effects, to rival those of the cinema. So *The Invisible Man* at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, is *seen* to be doing as many invisible things as his counterpart on film. The difficulty is that designers are now expected to do more for less cost. At the same time, fire restrictions have become more stringent, meaning wood and fabric are three-times more expensive because of their fire resistant properties.

So what kind of theatre will the next generation of designers be creating? If an accredited school such as Birmingham Polytechnic can lose its visiting staff, will the training be capable of preparing students for the rigours of the profession? And can the government be expected to pour money into training when only a handful of students will work professionally?

Mark Thompson, whose designs range from Pinter's new play *Party Time* and Alan Bennett's *Wind in the Willows*, to the current *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, went from university to repertory, without formal design training: "For a long time I had a chip on my shoulder about the fact that I hadn't been to art school. There is a great benefit about going to art school; on the other hand the best place to teach stage design is actually in amongst real shows and real actors and real directors. Now directors can't afford to keep on new designers, and the reps are closing."

Perhaps the audiences' continuing appreciation of sumptuous sets such as that for Philip Prowse's *A Woman of No Importance* will ensure the survival of new generations of designers. But Pamela Howard, head of design at the Central School of Art and Design, believes we should take nothing for granted: "British theatre design is one of the great unsung heroes. Great Britain has more design training of a better standard than any other country I know. But there's a lack of understanding about design. Often, people don't realise a set has been designed — and there are even some who think theatre design means that you design theatres."

RECORDS

Mozart on his way to maturity

WHICH Mozart opera has a Rosina who is not a countess? Which sets words in English? Which begins with a prospective husband, but not his bride, preparing for a marriage? These and any other questions about Mozart's lesser known operatic ventures can be answered now that all his theatre works are for the first time on record.

The earliest pieces were written for diverse occasions: a Latin opera for boys, a German pastoral, an opera buffa written for Vienna, an opera seria and a masque for Milan, and a dream allegory for Salzburg. But these were the works of someone who had not yet become Mozart, someone whose features were still overlarded with the puppy fat of convention.

It is hard, though, not to like the recording of the Milan wedding masque **Ascanio in Alba**, by a period-style orchestra with an aptly unsophisticated choir of Sorbonne students under Jacques Grimbert (ADDA/ Gamut 590043-4). Not only is this a genre made for display and felicity, but the performance is thoroughly engaging, with the counter-tenor Michael Chance in virtuoso form as Ascanio, flanked by beautiful cold purity and agility from Jill Feldman as his betrothed Silvia and a greater warmth from Lorna Windsor as Venus.

Mozart's third work for Milan — the opera seria **Lucio Silla**, written when he was 16 — suddenly commands a different sort of attention. The central roles of Cecilio and Giunia are ardently projected through a geometry of love and loyalty not unlike *La clemenza di Tito*; the piece has not had a professional staging here this year, but there are three recordings, all with excellent casts.

My choice would be the version from the Monnaie (Ricercar RIS 090072-74), partly for the performances of Ann Murray as Cecilio, Lella Cuberli as Giunia and Anthony Rolfe Johnson as Silla, partly for the life that comes from recording in the theatre. I would stay with the Monnaie too for **La finta giardiniera** (Ricercar RIS 066045-47), the unhurried and unsettling garden opera of two years later. As Opera North has recently been showing again in the theatre, this is an extraordinary piece, with hints of the later operas but an entirely individual atmosphere, due as much to the long chains of arias, which plot a separate journey for each of the characters, as to the highly contrived libretto. The Brussels recording, again under Sylvain Cambreling, catches the doubleness: the light textures and airy dance steps over musical and emotional convolutions. The work is also delightfully sung.

There is a fine cast too, led by Jerry Hadley, Sylvia McNair and Angela Maria Blasi, on the new recording under Marriner of **Il re pastore** (Philips 422 535-2), an Arcadian landscape written soon after *La finta giardiniera*, probably for concert performance. This is a piece it would be difficult to stage, but the music is too luscious to ignore: records provide the solution.

Ann Murray: a fine Cecilio in *Lucio Silla*

The same is true of **Zaide**, but for different reasons: Mozart abandoned it, leaving a succession of arias, ensembles and melodramas without an overture, a conclusion or dialogue. And this is now the real Mozart, the work probably dating from just before *Idomeneo*. Its harem plot suggests a link with *Die Entführung*, but the feeling is drier and harsher.

Between the two recordings it is hard to choose. The Philips set (422 536-2) offers Peter Schreier and Edith Mathis, and the short one-act squib **Der Schauspieldirektor** as well, but the work's particular character comes across better in the version with Judith Blegen and Werner Hollweg under Leopold Hager (Orfeo C 055 832 I).

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Playing at home

GRANDEST of all Mozart bicentenary events will almost certainly be the gala in Prague on December 1, when the 208-year-old Estates Theatre reopens after extensive renovation with a performance of *Don Giovanni* conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras. It could be no other opera, of course: Mozart himself conducted the premiere of *Don Giovanni* in this very theatre in October 1787, receiving greater acclaim than he had ever known in Vienna. The National Theatre of Prague production will be sponsored by Bankers Trust, which has just established a Prague office.

Screen steps

THE Arts Council and BBC 2 have joined forces in a £500,000 scheme designed to create danceworks specially for television. The two-year project, entitled Dance for the Camera, will commission and produce short imaginative pieces that will be broadcast on BBC 2 and sold overseas by the Arts Council. Aspirant choreographers and directors have until January 6 to draft an outline for a proposed 10-20 minute programme; from these applications, the selection committee will draw up a shortlist of five or six projects. Lord Palumbo, Arts Council chairman, says the project "is an exciting new way of supporting innovation in both dance and television".

In transit

ALEXANDER and Ilya Salkind's long-vaunted film celebrating the Christopher Columbus quincentenary, *Christopher Columbus: The Discovery*, has hit choppy waters since last week's report on this page. James Bond actor Timothy Dalton, who was to have played the leading role, has now departed from the production; Willem Dafoe is tipped to suceed him. The Salkinds are also pursuing the ever-elusive Marlon Brando for a central role. Meanwhile, yet another film about the great explorer, this one a comedy devised and directed by Robert Downey Senior, has been announced.

Last chance...

CHEKHOV's *The Seagull* has been Terry Hands's magnificent farewell as artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company. Konstantin's lakeside theatre remains within view the whole evening, though all that remains at the end are a few scraps flapping in the storm. They represent the stricken hopes of Simon Russell Beale's poignant Konstantin, abandoned by Amanda Root's plucky Nina, ignored by his tempestuous mother (Susan Fleetwood). The play's long run at the Barbican Theatre ends on Saturday (071-638 8891).

DANCE

Dancers come down from the rooftops

Debra Craine on the return to London of Trisha Brown, the avant-garde US choreographer

In the Sixties and early Seventies, the American choreographer Trisha Brown had her dancers climbing up walls and dancing on rooftops. Literally. Her infamous *Walking on the Walls*, at New York's Whitney Museum, had dancers harnessed to a building, performing her choreography hanging out from the wall high above the spectators below. In her 1973 *Roof Piece*, she positioned 15 dancers on the top of Manhattan buildings: movements were passed from one dancer to another in telegraph fashion while the audience watched the travelling choreography from its vantage point on a nearby rooftop.

Those days, and those "equipment pieces", are long gone. Nowadays Brown is part of the contemporary dance establishment and presents her work in a theatre, just like everybody else, instead of the lofts, galleries and outdoor spaces of her early danceworks.

A decade ago, she added design and music to her pieces, becoming known for her successful collaborations with leading composers and artists, such as Laurie Anderson and Robert Rauschenberg. Yet she is no less radical now than she was when she emerged as one of the leading experimentalists in post-modernist dance. It is simply that her ground-breaking takes place quietly within a traditional setting.

Tonight, she brings her company, now marking its 21st anniversary, to Sadler's Wells Theatre for four performances, the highlight of the Dance Umbrella festival. The last time she was here, in 1987, she won an Olivier Award. This time the two programmes showcase her most recent work, including her latest, *For M.G.: The Movie*, which received its world premiere in France last week.

To appreciate Brown's choreography is to appreciate simplicity, symmetry, balance, the natural laws of gravity and the carefully thought-out geometry of movement. She has developed, as she describes it, a separate movement vocabulary which is predicated on momentum and functioning with the most precise expenditure of energy.

But her work proves no easy ride for an audience: it takes patience and concentration to enter Brown's unique world of abstraction, something she is well aware of. "It's only respectful to ask a lot of an audience," she says. "Otherwise I would be serving them baby food, and that would be boring for me to make and boring for them to see."

If her uncompromising aesthetic is a stumbling block to some, she is not worried. "I look for the day, and I don't think it's too far off, when people recognise the incredible emotion in abstract dance. Don't confuse active emotion with living emotion. One is not more true than the other. I look for the day people can break down the really erroneous notion that if it has a story it has happened, because without a story things happen all the time."

Trisha Brown: part of the dance establishment, but her work remains as radical as ever

In Brown's choreography the "things" which happen may be vague but they are nonetheless rich in emotion. *For M.G.: The Movie*, for example, starts with a sustained outpouring of energy as a lone female runner traces a figure-eight shape around the stage. It ends, in a reversal of the accepted theatrical conventions, with ever increasing stillness. Along the way, the piece provides an emotionally draining experience for both audience and dancers, even though what has happened remains an enigma.

Unlike most choreographers, Brown is not driven by music; the inspiration for her work is always the movement. Her early works eschewed musical accompaniment altogether, as they did all theatrical allusion, and she only turned to music when, having brought her company within the confines of a proscenium, she realised that "the average audience can't bear to listen to nothing. It sets up an interference in their brain and they become fixed on the point that there is no music. Then they start coughing, and they destroy my silence. Now I have found my way with music where it's an equal partner in what I do. But music is never the starting point; the idea always is."

● The Trisha Brown Dance Company *opens tonight at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916) at 7.30pm and continues until Saturday.*

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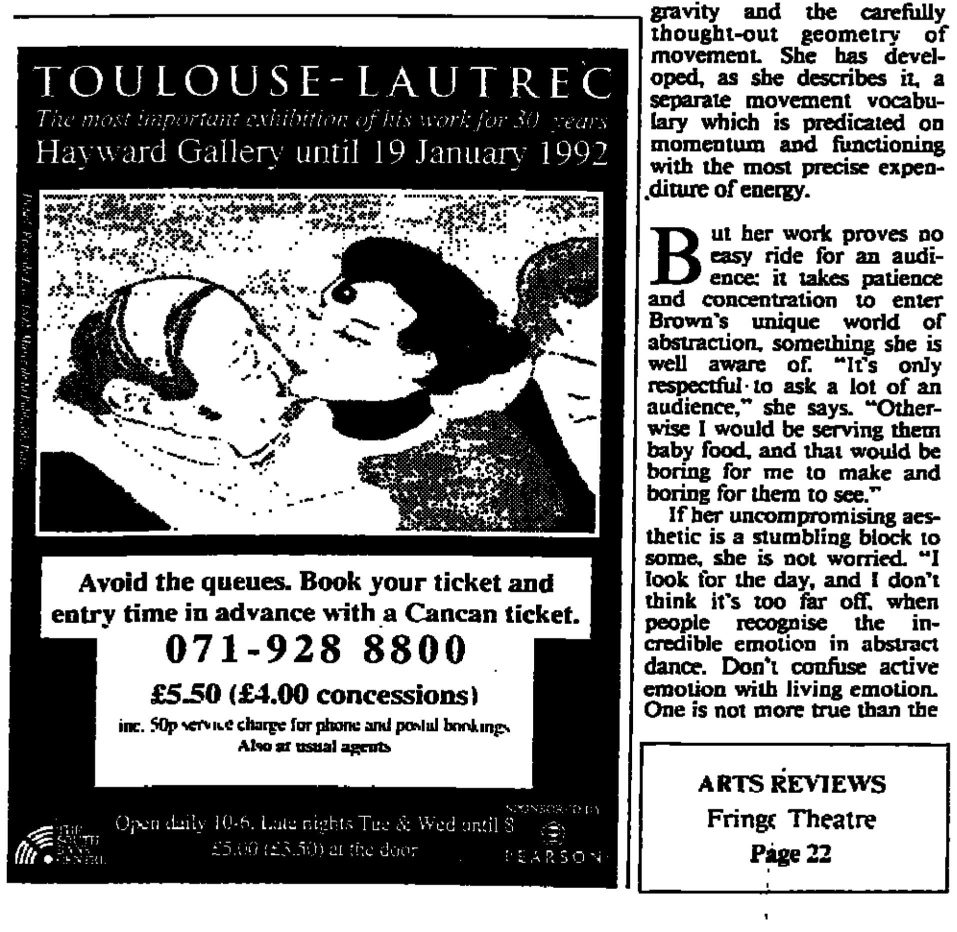

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The billion dollar lady's New Deal

Madonna's control over her life has made her the ultimate superstar, **Barney Hoskyns** says

The news that Madonna has just clinched a deal making her the highest-paid performer in the history of the pop industry only confirms what we already knew, which is that she is now the biggest star on the planet. The days when one could mention Michael Jackson or Prince in the same breath are long gone.

Madonna is unique as a woman entertainer in reaching this stage on her own. Yet, from her first big American hit in 1983, she was firmly in control. There followed seven number one singles, 21 top-fives and three number one LPs. Her run for 16 consecutive top five hits in the American charts broke a record previously held by the Beatles. Unlike the Beatles, she kept her head and insisted on keeping hold of the direction of her career. She personally hires all her staff, negotiates film and concert contracts, and the last time she took a holiday was for her honeymoon with Sean Penn.

When I interviewed Madonna, seven years ago, she was on the verge of the breakthrough that would make her famous. "For me it was superstardom from the word go," she told me. Did I believe she would get that far? Not really. I was convinced that she was merely a pushy and ambitious woman who was struggling to compensate for the abandonment that was her mother's death. Her greatest "talent" seemed to lie in marshalling the talents of others, particularly those of Pat Leonard, her musical collaborator, to her own ends.

Madonna's material world would have been completely alien to most of the stars in the 1960s and 1970s. Wafting in and out of their recording studios, they had no idea and often little interest in the money they were generating and lost millions to unscrupulous managers, record companies and hangers on. Now financial acumen is almost seen as a prerequisite of stardom.

"Her manager, Freddie de Mann, has been with her since 1983 and they have a good working relationship. But some people are told what to do, some people participate and some take control. Madonna takes control.," says a spokesperson for WEA records in Britain.

The rewards have been great. *Forbes* magazine estimated her pre-tax profit for 1990-91 at about £35 million and her earnings since 1985 at £71 million, and even if the contract with Time-Warner is not signed, she is the richest woman performer in the world.

There is a penalty in this much control. The columnist Ray Kerrison, writing in the *New York Post* under the headline *What a Tramp* says: "She will do anything, say everything, wear anything, mock anything, degrade anything to draw attention to herself and make a buck. She is the quintessential symbol of the age: self-indulgent, sacrilegious, shameless, hollow."

But financial shrewdness is not Madonna's primary asset. An *Omnibus* special last year cast her in a new, highbrow, light. By the time I came out of the cinema after watching *Truth or Dare: In Bed With Madonna*, I was converted. The live sequences in the film were spectacular, carried off with impressive self-assurance.

However, it was not just the verve of the concert footage that won me over. It was fairly clear that Madonna and Alek Keshishian, the director, were making an important statement about fame and stardom.

Instead of trying to convince us, as every comparable documentary has done, that there is some profound distinction between "the star" we see on the stage and the "real" star behind her mask, *In Bed With Madonna* was a refreshing admission that the superstar's whole life is a performance.

"She doesn't want to live, much less talk, off-camera," mutters an appalled Warren Beatty in the film as he squirms on a sofa in her dressing room. But that is the point, Mr Beatty: where the last generation of old Hollywood clings desperately to the sacred illusion that it is possible for a star simultaneously to be "a real person", hyper-famous Madonna is honest enough — and clever enough — to know that there is no distinction between her public and private lives. She herself is an illusion.

In this sense Madonna has become the ultimate star. Where Michael Jackson goes home to play with his llamas, Madonna neither has nor requires privacy. Quite apart from any considerations of her music, her choreography, or her taste for rebellion, a great part of her ability has been to ensure that she is almost never out of the public eye. Madonna is always there. If it is not an album, it is a tour; if not a tour, a film or a video. One event succeeds another, even when the "event" is a cinematic turkey such as *Shanghai Surprise* or *Who's That Girl?*

The difference between Michael Jackson and Madonna is a significant one, and one that makes a whole éra of superstar entertainment look outmoded. Jackson is the superstar-as-victim. Madonna is the hyper-star-as-winner, whose clear-eyed awareness of her own need for stardom has enabled her to exploit that stardom to the full, and to enjoy it.

ANDREW BOURNE

Material girl: Madonna's need for stardom has allowed her to enjoy her fame at the same time as exploiting it

Those broken objects of desire

by LIBBY PURVES

Douglas Sutherland, in his percipient study of the breed, explains at one point why an English gentleman's house gets better furnished as the years go by. Every time a piece of furniture gets broken, says Sutherland, the housekeeper merely goes up to the attic and replaces it with an even older (and therefore grander) piece. Under this theory, a naffish late 19th-century chair would be replaced by a Georgian one despised by modish Victorian miladies; and eventually by something Jacobean or Tudor. It is understood that things never leave the estate: they just migrate to attics and barns.

Another quite separate observation on the gentry was made by a lifelong organiser of rural white elephant sales. "The old families, the really big houses," she explained, "never, ever give you anything for jumble. They look vague, and send a pot of ghastly rhubarb jam. You know their attics are stuffed with things, but they won't hand over a single hat stand or old fur coat." This is, possibly, genetic. How, after all, have such families got so rich down the centuries, unless by sticking to everything they'd got?

This human curiosity has been confirmed, these past few days, by the exception that proved the rule; what commentators irreverently dub the car boot sale of the century at Castle Howard. Although fine and beautiful objects have gone under the hammer, observers report that in Simon Howard's intrepid clear-out of "all objects of no intrinsic importance to the house or family", there is a large proportion of vintage junk and jumble: unstuffed sofas, old oven doors, chipped vases, kitchen spoons, broken mirrors, Cona coffee-makers, and chairs which even the auctioneers' catalogue calls "distressed, one leg lacking, poor condition overall".

They are all selling. I was at Mentmore in the 1970s to see buyers arriving on everything from bicycles to helicopters, all with the same dilated eyes. The rich bought rare (and hideous) Sèvres china oyster stands, but others fell with apparently equal glee on dirty aluminium buckets from the stables and bits of old pitchfork. I saw one American buyer running reverent hands over a radiator; but that, alas, was screwed to the wall.

The great houses of England have no monopoly on such dusty acquisitiveness. The common man may be more generous to jumble sale collectors, but he still clings to a hard core of tat. Anyone who has ever moved house knows the dispiriting experience of taking objects from one attic to the next, carrying them to the van through a brief burst of daylight which makes them look even more horrible.

We own a wobbly flowerpot stand which has passed from attic to garage for ten years unused. And then there is the Rippingill stove with no burners and the cowbell with no clapper. And the music stand without its fiddly central screw. These objects have a primitive magic; they are household gods, tyrannical, hated, undismissable.

Alarmingly, observation of the middle classes suggests that — despite the exhilarating possibilities of car boot sales — this desire to keep objects of no *vertu* whatsoever is getting worse. The green movement has made us feel we should "recycle" things rather than burn them (that recycling implies actual use, we prefer not to admit).

The nostalgia, antiques and heritage industries have made us believe in "collectibility". We suffer the illusion that anything made before 1945 is full of "craftmanship" (if so, why did the legs fall off?) and even worse, we have become convinced that the most useless and disgusting objects might one day come to be "worth something".

We are terrified that if we part with that foul plant stand, or the picnic hamper with the leprous lacquer and the perished leather straps, the next thing we know some smart aleck will have them under a spotlight in Kensington Church Street priced at 600 guineas. Avarice, green guilt and nostalgia are a powerful mixture. The only cure is a call to Sotheby's, a big marquee and a lot of cheek.

Round about eleven, our idea of heaven

British workmen may vote to sacrifice their tea break, but politicians, Iraqis and Barbara Cartland remain committed

Earl Grey? Mr Major makes sure his visitors are well supplied

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The news this week that some 10,000 British construction workers are signing away the great British tea break in return for a free vacuum flask has not yet produced rioting, but perhaps that is because the trend towards bringing tea to work in a flask is already well advanced. The ironic thing is that if Britain is giving up the tea break, continental Europe and even the Middle East is taking to it like a frozen brickie to a warm cuppa.

Ron Howe, chief executive of the Thermal Installation Contractors' Association, is the man responsible for the phasing out of tea breaks from this week at several key construction projects across Britain, marking the break with a 325-year tradition said to have begun when a Mrs Harris, wife of an East India Company beadle, interrupted a meeting of managers to bring in a tray of tea.

At the offices of the Tea Council (where a staff of five get through 25 mugs of tea a day) I was told that Britons from the age of 10 upwards drink an average of 3.56 cups a day: 178 million cups a day in all. By the time any of us reaches 70, we will have drunk 90,000 cups of tea. And we drink 2.1 cups of tea to every one cup of coffee. And Britain swallows 22 per cent of all the tea the producer countries export. And . . . well you get the drift.

There is a suspicion that the end of the tea break is an anti-working class move, given that mostly middle-class types such as writers and other desk jockeys can sup tea at their work stations all day long.

So what about the poor bloody infantry, now expected to dig the roads and build the bridges without so much as 15 minutes of morning and afternoon tea?

By no means everyone in management supports the demise of the tea break. Grenville Redmond, the business development manager of Mivan Overseas, a large Northern Ireland-based company, which is one of the contractors working on Euro Disneyland near Paris, says: "In many ways the tea break is a good thing because it provides workers with a bit of a social atmosphere, a chance to have a chat. We're not against. Continental workers, especially the Latins, are taking up this British habit with no loss of productivity."

Not just Latins. Mr Redmond became part of Saddam Hussein's "human shield" when he was trapped in Iraq before the Gulf war. "Ordinary Iraqis are very fond of the British way of life and they loved having a tea break."

Mr Redmond says that many desk-bound people fail to realise the importance of tea breaks to the workforce. "They also miss the point that in places where the tea break isn't traditional, like France, they take an hour for lunch whereas our people will take half an hour.

A tea break taken in the afternoon is not, of course, the same thing as afternoon tea: the two traditions represent different parts of the social spectrum with just the beverage in common. But there is a workforce which takes afternoon tea and it has no more archetypal a representative than Dame Barbara Cartland.

I rang her up at teatime. "Every day at 4.30, dear," she announced. "Tea, sandwiches and cakes, you know, usually in the drawing room. But never a tea *break*, terribly wasteful. My writing day starts at 1.30 when I lay on the sofa and dictate 6,500 words, as I did today and will tomorrow. During that time I am in a sort of trance, so there is no question of drinking anything. Dictation takes two-and-a-half hours, *then* I take tea."

Dame Barbara, who was dictating her 551st novel yesterday, could not by most lights be accused of lacking productivity. But two and a half hours is not the sort of working day that cries out to be split by a tea break, a tradition whose demise she will not mourn.

"Takes up an enormous amount of time. We're simply not working as hard as other countries. it is terrifying to me that you walk into a shop and you cannot buy anything English. I've been to an awful lot of factories and you can see perfectly well that someone pushing a trolley around is much better than everyone stopping to have tea."

In politics, very little stops for anything, but does anyone stop for tea? A reliable source close to the prime minister said that Mr Major did indeed enjoy a cup of tea and always offered it to visitors. A question about whether Mr Major drinks Earl Grey somehow froze in the throat.

Over at Conservative Central Office, Chris Patten, the chairman, takes tea at his desk, four times a day. "I prefer Earl Grey in the afternoon, but I switch to a strong Indian tea in the evening."

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Bad habits to declare

Duty-free will now last until 1999, but **Peter Millar** says its reprieve is pointless

Spotting an Englishman is depressingly easy, particularly at airports. It is not the pinstripe suit, although the uniform persists among business travellers. The giveaway is the clanking carrier bag. To paraphrase William Cowper's lines on Boadicea: "In regions Caesar never knew, thy posterity shall sway" — out of the duty-free shop and off to the departure gate.

There is an untold truth behind Britain's latest "victory" over the European Community in postponing the demise of the duty-free industry. Never mind that this is a temporary victory at best, merely putting off the inevitable for two years until 1999 instead of 1997. And this is not, whatever the Euro-sceptics may try to tell you, a major British export industry being hit by nasty continentals. We have neglected the real reason for Britain's disproportionate two-thirds share of the annual £1.5 billion spent on duty-free goods in Europe: the vast majority of the customers are British, often businessmen on a one or two-day trip abroad. The bulk of those clanking carrier bags — containing, typically, a bottle of Scotch for him and a litre of gin for her — clank back home again, often that same evening. True, you do see the occasional Japanese or American tourist picking up an unusual malt whisky as a souvenir, but they are exceptions.

The duty-free industry is a self-fulfilling tax trick: it works, not because duty-free shops are oases of free trade, but because British duty on booze and fags is among the highest in Europe. And look at the shelves: booze and fags are almost all duty free shops sell; the Jaeger cardigans are just for cover. That is why we have the biggest duty-free shops in Europe. Major continental air terminals, such as Paris or Frankfurt, have tiny duty-free shops in comparison to the retail acreage at Heathrow. No Frenchman or German would spend time and effort carting bottles around in order to save the few centimes or pfennigs.

The big exception to this rule, of course, is Moscow, which for years had no duty-free at all and then did a deal with Aer Rianta, the Irish airports authority, who had found their trade at Shannon going downhill since its importance as the first transatlantic landfall was eliminated by longer range jet engines. The Irish took Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport by storm and now make pots of money selling vodka, caviar, Sony Walkmans and even "I love Russia" cuddly bears (made in China). Moscow duty-free openly admits that many of its goods are sold to Russians. There is a shop in the arrivals hall too.

But Moscow is a special case: a shortage economy which still needs special shops to filter otherwise hard-to-get goods into a society. Europe is different. Even the psychology of the whole thing is fraudulent in a supposed common market, for it is based on the idea of a no-man's land, a buffer zone between Blighty and abroad. Die-hard little-Englanders like it because it seems to reinforce our "otherness". Readers of *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday learnt that duty-free privileges will continue for "travellers from Britain to Europe and vice versa". But Britain is *in* Europe, not just by virtue of our political and economic adherence to the Treaty of Rome, but geographically and historically. Those who think of us as being just off the coast of Rhode Island have been blinded by Churchillian logic, the concept of human civilisation as enshrined in the "history of the English-speaking peoples".

In the administrative psyche, the duty-free *shop is linked with the duty man, the customs* officer. Motorists arriving in France from England are waved gleefully through; motorists arriving in England are channeled into queues and made to await the pleasure of Her Majesty's petty bureaucrats, ostensibly the scourge of drug smugglers, actually a visible sign of our much-vaunted sovereignty. The reality is that customs officers spend most of their time trying to winkle out that extra bottle of undeclared hooch from the package tourist's suitcase. This depressing determination to maintain a protectionist cocoon makes a mockery of our supposed allegiance to the cause of free trade.

The news that duty-free shops will be with us until almost the end of the century is greatly depressing: proof that the internal market will be anything but border-free.

Conor Cruise O'Brien describes the latest shenanigans that have kept Charles Haughey in office

Ireland's Machiavelli

The Fianna Fail vote of no confidence in C.J. Haughey this weekend was really a vote against Mr Haughey's dismissed minister for finance, Albert Reynolds, as contender for the succession. Mr Reynolds was one of only two cabinet ministers to come out publicly in favour of the motion of no confidence. If the motion had been carried, Mr Reynolds would have been cast as the leader-killer, and would have had the strongest claim to succeed. So all the other contenders united against him, and their combined support produced a vote of 55-22 in favour of Mr Haughey, whose chief and perhaps only perceived merit, at present, is that he is not Albert Reynolds.

The crucial meeting was presided over by Brian Lenihan, who was as helpful as possible to Mr Haughey. This may come as a surprise to those who remember the circumstances of the last presidential election. Mr Lenihan, who was deputy premier at the time, was the Fianna Fail candidate for the presidency, but during the campaign, Mr Haughey dismissed him from the deputy premiership, and Mr Lenihan became the first Fianna Fail presidential candidate ever to be defeated.

So for Mr Lenihan to stand by Mr Haughey in his hour of need might seem to argue an *almost saintly magnanimity*. As it happens, however, his action can be accounted for without recourse to the hypothesis of sanctity. Mr Lenihan has leadership ambitions of his own, and if these are to be fulfilled, Mr Haughey must remain as leader of Fianna Fail and Taoiseach until the end of the present Dail.

Mr Lenihan was dismissed because the Progressive Democrats, Fianna Fail's partners in the coalition government, said they would not continue to serve if he remained deputy premier. Nor, of course, would they serve in a government of which he was Taoiseach. Consequently, if Fianna Fail were to elect Mr Lenihan as its leader during the lifetime of the present Dail, they would be liable to bring down the coalition government. This means that Mr Lenihan is not eligible as leader of Fianna Fail until after the election. So it is clearly in his interest that Mr Haughey should remain as leader for the duration.

In the last few days, Mr Haughey has also survived another crucial meeting: that of his coalition partners, the Progressive Democrats on Monday. The Progressive Democrats are in worse trouble than Fianna Fail. They have always claimed to have exceptionally high ethical standards. This is why they resigned from Fianna Fail, in 1983. They were upholding the same claim when they insisted on the dismissal of Brian Lenihan, after he had been caught lying during the presidential campaign. But high ethical standards sit ill with membership in Mr Haughey's government, amid the financial scandals in which so many of Mr Haughey's "business friends" (as he calls them) are implicated.

Haughey: hanging on by his fingernails

Mr Haughey is of course being economical with the truth in order to survive, as anyone who knows him would expect.

I had hoped that when Fianna Fail failed to set its house in order over the weekend, the PDs would take the opportunity to make an honourable (if belated) exit from the sleaziest Irish government on record. Not so; they are hanging on. The communiqué they issued after Monday's meeting was as sleazy as the government they adhere to: "Fianna Fail has now acted ...effective and responsible government... effective investigation of the recent scandals ...duty to remain in office ...to seek to ensure proper standards..."

But they are afraid to precipitate a general election because they think it would annihilate them. They may be right. They may also have just missed their last opportunity to avoid annihilation. There is no doubt about the present unpopularity of the Fianna Fail/PD government. An RTE phone-in on the eve of the Fianna Fail meeting showed 70 per cent against the Haughey government, and this does not exaggerate the feeling.

The paradox is that Mr Haughey's unpopularity is at present so great as to work in his favour. It has rubbed off, inevitably, on his party colleagues, and even more on his coalition partners, so that they are all afraid of a general election. It looks cold and dark out there in the streets, and it is nice and cosy in Leinster House. Maybe it will all blow over, they think, if they just sit tight.

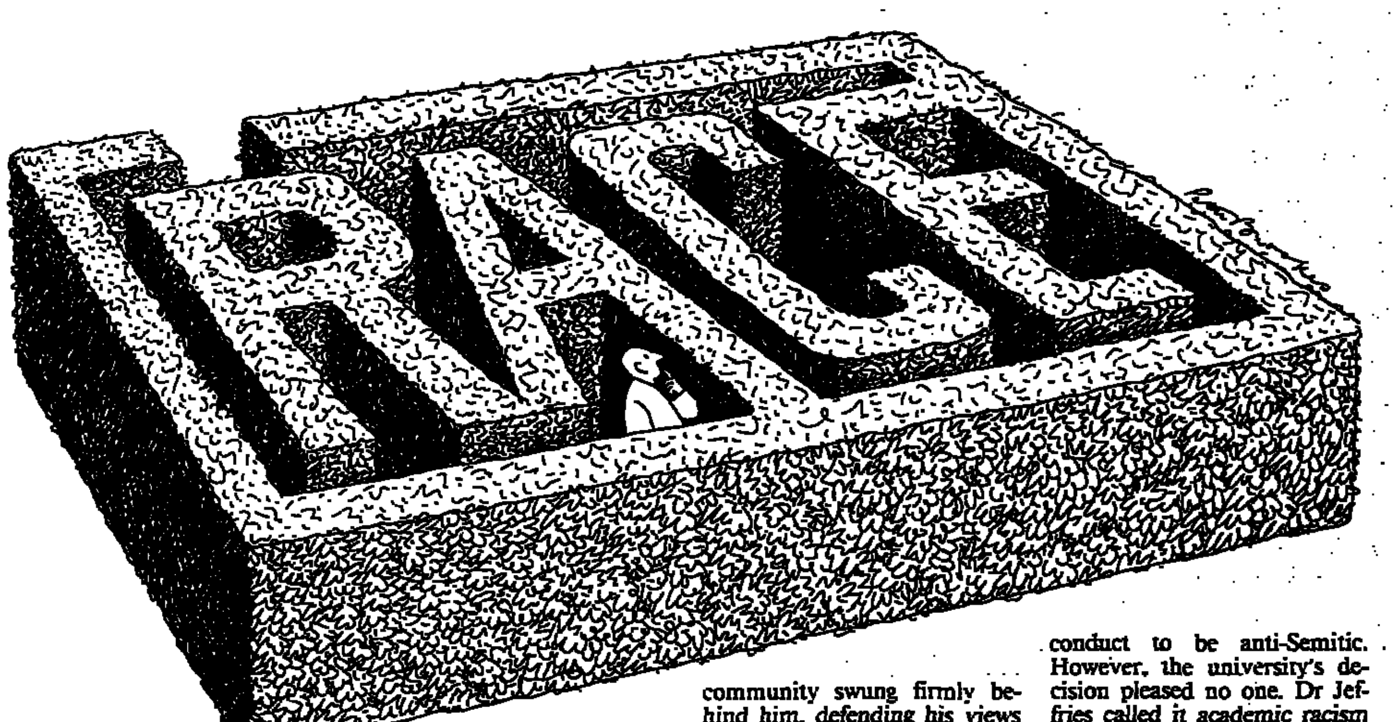
So Mr Haughey has a good chance of holding on to lead the party into the next general election. I do not rate the chance as more than "quite good", however, if the various investigations continue to provide damaging revelations.

Under these conditions, we can expect another heave next year, which might be terminal for the Taoiseach. Mr Haughey is likely to find Albert Reynolds a more formidable opponent than any he has yet had to face within his party. By standing up to him, Mr Reynolds has enhanced his stature, and his calm, resolute broadcasting style has made a favourable impression on the country. There is little doubt that a second challenge will come, but Mr Haughey has gained a respite, probably of at least six months.

If he doesn't go before the general election, he will almost certainly go afterwards. In a diminished post-election Fianna Fail, and with the Progressive Democrat factor eliminated, Mr Haughey could no longer see off the Reynolds challenge. Brian Lenihan will be there to wield the knife and — if he can't make the leadership himself, as he probably can't — he will do a deal with the Reynolds camp. On the whole, however, it seems more likely that Albert Reynolds, having prepared the ground, will replace Mr Haughey *before* the election. One thing in his favour is that a change in Fianna Fail's leadership will not precipitate that election. After the gruesome experience of serving under Mr Haughey, the Progressive Democrats will be happy to accept any new Taoiseach, other than Brian Lenihan, that Fianna Fail can offer.

Bigotry in an ivory tower

Charles Bremner in New York on a black threat to academic freedom



While attention has been focused on the antics of David Duke, the former Klansman who is running for governor in Louisiana, New York has been witnessing its own saga of bigotry. It is a tale which combines America's new ideology of political correctness with old-fashioned academic freedom and political cowardice, and it says as much about the prevailing racial mood of America as the crackpot politics of an eccentric southern state.

At the centre is Professor Leonard Jeffries, the head for the past 19 years of the Afro-American studies department at the City College of New York, an institution founded in 1847 to offer free education to the offspring of immigrants and help them become American.

For years, Dr Jeffries has been teaching theories of black racial superiority. The presence of the pigment melanin in their skin makes them superior to the "greedy, materialistic ice people" of Europe, he maintains. *He has played a leading* role in promoting the new theory which holds that all civilisation sprang from Africa and rose through ancient Egypt and Greece — a fact that Europeans have suppressed.

Dr Jeffries holds important jobs on state committees and advised on new curricula for *New York schools. But given* the prevailing dogma that only whites can be guilty of racism, he might have continued teaching in peace had he not been carried away by his dislike of Jews.

The trouble started in the summer when Dr Jeffries gave a speech at a conference in which he claimed that Jews financed the slave trade and were behind a conspiracy, largely carried out from Hollywood, to destroy the black race. Dr Jeffries's thoughts reflect a longstanding belief among many New York blacks that both their city and the American media are run by a Jewish mafia. Jesse Jackson voiced the idea in 1984 when he dismissed the city as "Hymietown". Much worse statements than Dr Jeffries's have been heard in recent *months from black activists* who have helped stir unrest in the streets, but as the head of a faculty financed by the taxpayer, his outburst sparked an outcry from Jewish organisations and prominent figures such as the former mayor Edward Koch.

They were also incensed that the university was taking no action against Dr Jeffries while trying to oust a philosophy professor, Michael Levin, for expressing his views that blacks are on average less intelligent than whites and have brought their troubles on themselves. Though deploring his racial theories as much as those of Dr Jeffries, they pointed out that he did not teach them to students. In September a federal judge ruled that by pursuing Professor Levin, the university was infringing his right to academic freedom and ordered it to stop.

While the university was pondering what to do, if anything, about Dr Jeffries, only a few public figures ventured to speak out against him. Late in the day Mario Cuomo, the governor, demanded his removal from the chairmanship of his department. The silence was particularly deafening among moderate blacks, such as David Dinkins, the mayor. Not a single black member of the State Assembly would sign a statement criticising Dr Jeffries and none of the city's black congressmen would comment. The black press and academic community swung firmly be*hind him, defending his views* as legitimate academic discourse, albeit "robust", and portraying him as a victim of a public lynching. It was white people who put "Jews in the ovens" not blacks, was one common refrain at rallies in Dr Jeffries's defence.

Last week, as hundreds of *Jeffries supporters demonstrat*ed outside, the university's trustees decided after much agonising to renew his chairmanship of his department for one academic year only, rather than the usual three. In partial explanation, Dr Bernard Harleston, the college president, said that removing Dr Jeffries from the chairmanship would have produced too much "conflict" among staff and in the surrounding black community of Harlem.

Dr Harleston, who is black, did acknowledge for the first time that he found Dr Jeffries's conduct to be anti-Semitic. However, the university's decision pleased no one. Dr Jef*fries called it academic racism* and the Jewish anti-defamation league calling it a validation of the professsor's "anti-Semitic and racist" views.

The majority of academics, even those who deplore his views, support the principle that academic freedom should be paramount. In particular, some *conservative academics* believe that his removal would set a precedent which could jeopardise their own tenure.

Academic freedom has been jealously guarded in America since the turn of the century, after decades which saw the persecution of teachers who espoused Darwinism and radical political views. In general a tenured professor may only be removed if his peers judge him, to be incompetent or guilty of infringing professional ethics. Thus, a geography teacher could be sacked if he taught that the world was flat. The courts saved Professor Levin because he did not teach his theories of black inferiority in the classroom.

By contrast, Professor Jeffries's racial doctrines are central to his teaching, and many of them rest on shaky scholarly foundations. But here he benefits from the prevailing ideology of politically correctness, which holds that there is no such thing as an objective intellectual standard. The Western tradition of scholarly enquiry is derided by radicals as a tool of repression which has been wielded against racial minorities and women. They hold that only a member of the group involved is qualified to pronounce, a theory which has banished white men from teaching black studies or women's studies.

However, there are now signs that Dr Jeffries may have overstepped the line which divides academic expression from misconduct. The university is examining allegations by a black reporter for *The Harvard Crimson that Dr Jeffries threatened* to kill him if he published the contents of an interview. According to the *Crimson*, Dr Jeffries delivered a tirade against fellow black academics, among other things calling Henry Louis Gates, the chairman of Harvard's African-American studies department, "a faggot and a punk". *To the* dismay of champions of the gay cause in academia, Dr Jeffries was also alleged to have said white men forced blacks to become homosexual. There is no recording of the interview because, according to Elliot Morgan, the reporter, Dr Jeffries ordered a bodyguard called Brother Larry to seize his tape.

The Washington Post has said such behaviour "violates all intellectual and moral standards of a university". But so powerful are the emotions in America's ideological battlefield that the professor may easily win.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

You will all, I know, be familiar with the uniform edition of pocket classics entitled Variety Pack.

I know this not only because you are a matchlessly literate readership, but also because you have always struck me as the sort of readership which relishes the neatness of trim little items standing homogeneously upon your shelves in serried ranks, testament as much to your commendable orderliness as to your fine literary taste.

You will have Everyman's Library and the Modern Library, you will have Collins Classics and Nelsons Classics and the Oxford World's Classics, and doubtless many other yardage, too, of the titchy great.

And I am equally certain — call it a sixth sense, call it the need to get 800 words off the ground — that if I stepped from your libraries into your larders, I should find at least one shelf dedicated to the miniaturised edition of the works of William Keith Kellogg.

Perhaps not the complete works (for not only are there dozens of titles, they also keep getting eaten) but nevertheless a fair selection, ranging from *Corn Flakes*, the simple little opus with which, in 1906, Will Kellogg first burst upon an astonished world, through the increasingly intricate output of his mature years, *All Bran* and *Rice Krispies* — some commentators would add *Coco Pops* — to the remarkably complex late period of *Frosties, Smacks, Crunchy Nut, Special K, Start, Ricicles, All Bran, Splitz, Fruit 'n' Fibre*, and, of course, the almost unfathomable *Honey Nut Loops*.

Your fortunate shelves are able to accommodate all these, because, for some years now, each has been appearing not only in the impressive 325 g format, but also in the delightful little 25 g format, issued in collections of eight called the Variety Pack, and usefully bound in Cellophane wrappers which if sent to the publishers in the requisite numbers, would bring by return wondrous metal badges depicting such Kellogg heroes as Tony the Tiger, Loopy the Bee, Coco Monkey and, of course, the three elfin stars of the seminal *Rice Krispies* (1928), Snap, Crackle and Pop.

Yet we live in a grudging and rancorous world, and predictably enough this stunning Kellogg output has also attracted its critics. Why oh why, runs their incessant bleat when each year faithfully unveils the latest of the line, do we need so many minor variations on a theme?

I remember being in Sainsbury's, many years ago now, when *Frosties* first came out: the man next to me plucked it from the shelf, glanced at the cover, and cried: "Stone me, look at what's in this one, per 100 g — 15 mg niacin, 1.3 mg riboflavin, 1 mg thiamin, 6.7 mg iron . . . that is *exactly* the same as he had all those *years ago in Corn Flakes*. I don't call that new, he is working to a bloody formula!" Shall we ever understand such people? It was as if he had picked up the latest Wodehouse only to discover that Jeeves and Wooster were in it again. What the fool had, of course, entirely ignored was that whereas *Corn Flakes* contained 8 g protein, *Frosties* had ony a fascinating 5 g. I tried to explain to him all about art's nuances, but by that time he had become irretrievably immersed in dogfood labels.

He came to mind again this morning. I was padding across the hall towards the kitchen when my eye was caught by a flash of colour on the doormat. I knew it was not the post; that had already come. I picked the little box up. It weighed 25 g. It said "FREE SAMPLE" on it.

It was the latest Kellogg. It was *Golden Crackles*.

Trembling fingers brought it closer to my eyes, and, yes, there it was, the old team! 15 mg niacin, 1.3 mg riboflavin, 1 mg thiamin, 6.7 mg iron . . . no doubt, even as I write, the silly arse from Sainsbury's is banging *on, somewhere, about* the unnecessariness of *Golden Crackles*. He is doing it because he doesn't know what I know. He did not, like me, ring Kellogg's to find out what makes *Golden Crackles* different.

Its flakes are hexagonal. They are the first hexagonal corn flakes in the history of the world. *Tell me that the world is not, this* morning, a better place.

THE TIMES DIARY

A word in your ear, comrade

A KGB bugging device in President Gorbachev's private dacha just outside Moscow triggered the abortive coup against him. Gorbachev, who makes the revelation in a BBC programme to be screened *later this month*, admits that his trusted security chief put in the device.

The bug disclosed to hardliners Gorbachev's secret discussions with Boris Yeltsin and President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan about his plans to crackdown on the army, the KGB and the hardliners after the signing of the Union Treaty. Gorbachev admits on the BBC 2 programme, *The Second Russian Revolution*, that this gave the plotters the impetus they required to act. Three weeks after the meeting, the coup took place.

At the meeting, the programme reveals, Yeltsin and Nazarbayev singled out Dmitri Yazov, Vladimir Kryuchkov and Anatoli Lukyanov, the coup leaders, as the *danger men. The president de*fended them, but he suspects he lit the touchpaper when he said that after the treaty was signed, everything would have to be reorganised. "Everything: the army, the KGB." He added that "those men" would have to have their wings clipped.

Throughout the meeting Yeltsin *complained* that he thought they were being bugged. Nazarbayev says: "Yeltsin went out on to the balcony. He said he wanted to see if there was anybody out there listening to us." Yeltsin never found the listening device. Gorbachev recalls: "Nazarbayev and I had a laugh. He must have had the feeling that somebody was very interested in what we were talking about." Nazarbayev adds: "To my utter shock they did record us." It was sometime later that Gorbachev discovered who was responsible for the KGB bug. He says: "My security chief did it. It occurs to me that the information he passed on accelerated events."

● *The mood at Covent Garden on Monday night was more like Wembley stadium than an opera house. "Isaacs out," and "This should be shown on Channel 4," chanted members of the audience during one of the arias in* Les Huguenots, *which was panned by critics. Although Jeremy Isaacs was in the audience, he kept a low profile, slipping out before the lights came up for the interval.*

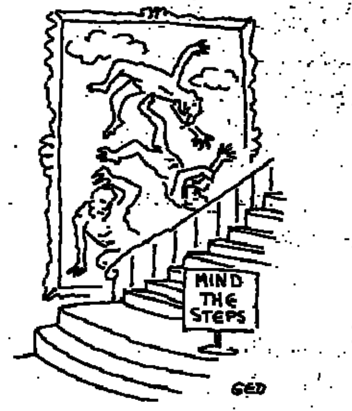
La Scala

THERE'S many a slip, it seems, between the bottom of the staircase at the National Gallery's Sainsbury wing and the top. Dozens of visitors have fallen down the stairs of the building, which was opened in July.

The more serious accidents have tended to occur on the bottom flight of stairs running from the ground floor to the basement, which suffers from a lack of natural light. While only seven people have required first aid, many more have taken a tumble.

"It's true we've had one or two falls," says Michael Cowdy, the administrator of the Sainsbury wing. We keep a very careful eye on this throughout the gallery. Stairs are inherently dangerous."

A sign has already gone up on the upper staircase warning people to take care. The gallery is now experimenting with a black strip on either side of the lower staircase to guide the accident-prone. "That flight is darker than the other one," says Cowdy. "We'll see how the strip works before doing anything permanent." Meanwhile, you have been warned.



Love remembered

THE exiled Polish composer Andrzej Panufnik, who was derided for years as a traitor by the authorities in his homeland, is to be posthumously honoured by Lech Walesa. Almost 40 years after Panufnik fled Warsaw, he has been given the Polish equivalent of a knighthood.

The decision to award him the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta comes only months after Panufnik was honoured with a knighthood in the British New Year's honours list. Lady Panufnik, his widow, says: "It's a great honour. Lech Walesa wrote a very moving letter to me. We had a ceremony after the funeral when the Polish ambassador read out Walesa's words."

Panufnik's award and his memory will be celebrated at a concert later this month at Apsley House in London, when a new arrangement of his piece *Love Song* will be premièred by the chamber orchestra London Musici. "My husband wrote the special arrangement three weeks before he died," says Lady Panufnik. "It was amazing that he suddenly found the strength to do so."

● *James Abbott has become the youngest person to take part in a vote in the House of Commons although his vote wasn't registered, as he is only two weeks old. James knew nothing about the division, for he was fast asleep in his blue sling, strapped to his mother, the Labour MP Diane Abbott, when she walked through the division lobby on Thursday to vote on the Queen's Speech.*

Recipe leaf

AN Oxford don is planning a mercy mission to the besieged Yugoslavian town of Dubrovnik with a lorry-load of lentils. Uwe Kitzinger, the president of Templeton College, launched a "Lentils for Dubrovnik" appeal yesterday after a plea from a fisherman friend in Croatia.

Kitzinger, a prolific writer on the EC, has already begun collecting money and food for the trip. He says: "As of yesterday we cannot get through to Dubrovnik. But we must build up a store of nourishing food to rush in as soon as we can."

But why lentils? "They're easy to cook, which is important when people in Dubrovnik have been reduced to burning their furniture. My wife has been experimenting with lentil meals in the last few days. They are delicious."

TIMES PAST THE TIMES FUTURE

AN OMEN FOR MAASTRICHT

Does one Briton in a thousand have even the vaguest idea what is really at stake in Noordwijk and Maastricht? Under Margaret Thatcher, the electorate had a clear idea where the British government stood and what were the limits beyond which its negotiators would not go. At present, as an act of deliberate policy, John Major's "new" European diplomacy leaves every outline fuzzy, every option apparently open. Last night, rumours of substantive concessions by Britain over the powers of the European parliament were denied in Downing Street as being no more than "part of the normal negotiating process". Really?

There is, however, one almost finished result of the new diplomacy ready for examination, and it is not discouraging. The proposed new steps on economic and monetary union now command less attention than they did a few months ago, because they have moved from windy rhetoric to agreement. British negotiators seem to have done better than previously expected in defence of the freedom of action that critics of the new diplomacy had demanded.

Five months ago, in the approach to the last European summit, John Major seemed almost ready to discard his objections to Emu as then envisaged, in exchange for a thin fig-leaf from Jacques Delors. The latter suggested a "British opt-out clause" allowing a future British Parliament to hold a final vote before abandoning sterling in favour of the ecu. The hollowness of this "Delors compromise" was revealed a few weeks later when Luxembourg's draft treaty proposed that all EC countries, including Britain, should begin from 1994 onwards to accept the constraints designed to lead up to Emu membership, whether or not they finally decided to take part in the currency union.

There were two crucial constraints: creation of a politically independent Bank of England, not directly accountable either to the Treasury or to Parliament; and acceptance of binding targets for public borrowing, which would be set by majority voting in the Council of Ministers and monitored by the Commission. If Mr Major had been willing to sign a treaty containing these provisions, the opt-out clause would not have been worth having. By the time the "final decision" had to be made, national economic sovereignty would have atrophied.

Fortunately, the government was aware of the dangers of being sucked inadvertently into monetary union. Norman Lamont has made it quite clear that the opt-out clause must refer not just to the final decision on union but to the whole process of institutional change which must start well before then. In the Dutch draft treaty the fiscal targets and central bank independence come into effect only at the final stage of Emu.

It would thus seem that an Emu treaty with an opt-out clause of the kind described by Mr Lamont would leave the final decision on whether Britain should adopt the ecu genuinely open. But how open? Would Britain really be able to stand aside in 1997 if the other 11 decided to go ahead with monetary union, or, as is more likely, if an inner core, including Germany, France and the Benelux countries, took the plunge?

In principle, the answer is clearly "yes". There is no theorem of economics, finance, or business which stipulates that a common currency is essential for the enjoyment of a large and competitive common market, and plenty that stipulate maximum fluidity of all market prices. But in practice, most businessmen and politicians appear to believe that if and when Emu happens, Britain would wish to be in the inner core, if only for reasons of commercial status. The visceral pressures to keep up with the European Joneses may prove decisive.

Mr Major cannot stop the other 11 going ahead with Emu if they so desire. But he can ensure that Britain's options remain genuinely open. After that, he and his successors can show by their economic management whether Britain's freedom of manoeuvre in fiscal and monetary policy is a blessing worth preserving or a curse to be sacrificed gladly. Europe, as at present constituted, is nowhere near ready for the sort of economic union envisaged by M Delors. Keeping Britain's options open has worked on Emu. It must work too on "political union" in Noordwijk and Maastricht.

YELTSIN IN RETREAT

When the Russian autonomous republic of Tatarstan declared itself sovereign just over a year ago, Boris Yeltsin approvingly responded: "Let every nation seize as much independence as it can hold." Having appealed to nationalism within Russia in his campaign to loosen the Soviet empire, he is now reaping the whirlwind. His Russian Federation could be in jeopardy.

Stalin's Soviet empire was a constitutional mess of "union republics", "autonomous republics", "autonomous regions" and "national territories". All had a theoretical independence which meant, in Stalin's day, precisely nothing. The nominally autonomous units within the 15 union republics were devised in the name of minority rights to crush nationalism by a policy of divide and rule. The Russian federation contains 16 of these republics and another 15 regions and territories.

The unpeeling of this onion would mean Russia's disintegration. These territorial units contain much of Russia's gold, diamonds, oil, coal, gas and forests and some of its most important factories. Mr Yeltsin has other sound reasons not to give into separatism. In most of these regions, Russians outnumber what Stalin dubbed the "core nationality". Many of the non-Russian nations, including the Chechen and Ingush, have been at each other's throats ever since Stalin threw them together. Almost all have border disputes.

Arrogant pan-Russian nationalism has increased the hostility of Yakutian, Tatar and other minorities to rule from Moscow, stoking the fires Mr Yeltsin seeks to control. The open indifference of Russian nationalists to the fate of the union's impoverished Muslim republics has fuelled distrust among Russia's own Muslims. And Mr Yeltsin has paid too little attention to legitimate complaints that Moscow siphons off too much locally generated wealth.

Mr Yeltsin has suffered a blow to his authority which was much of his own making. The Chechen declaration of independence is thoroughly dubious. Only a few thousand of the republic's 1.3 million people voted in last week's poll electing General Djokhar Dudayev as president. His real support comes from the "union of entrepreneurs and creative intelligentsia", the organisation of the Chechen mafia. The Ingush want no part in General Dudayev's self-proclaimed republic. But Mr Yeltsin's handling of the Checheno-Ingushetia rebellion has been as crass as were the Kremlin's worst efforts to strong-arm the Baltic republics into submission.

Earlier this year, Mr Yeltsin tried his own divide-and-rule tactics, supporting the Ingush against the Chechens. He compounded that error of judgment by his decision last Friday to order a state of emergency and send in troops. Under attack in the Russian parliament, he has now admitted his error and promised to try reconciliation instead. By bowing to the parliament's decision that force should not be used, Mr Yeltsin can claim to have been properly responsive to constitutional checks on his power. The truth is that he had no alternative to negotiation, once the Soviet interior ministry refused to order its troops into action. His resort to force was legal, but was the action of an instinctive authoritarian.

Yet the question is whether Russia can be held together by consent. Some republics, such as oil-rich Tatarstan, would be more viable as independent states than, say, Uzbekistan. Mr Yeltsin may need to modify his vision of a single indivisible Russia. But the Checheno-Ingushetia fiasco may lead him to be more sensitive to non-Russian resentments. Strong government and the rule of law need not be incompatible. That is the message the Russian parliament has delivered this week.

HOLIDAYS FOR TREES

The "green consumer" made a brief and genuine appearance in the 1980s, before a wave of spurious product claims discredited the idea as a marketing gimmick. Business has not yet given up the chase. The search for the elusive "green buck" is still on, witness yesterday's launch of the so-called "green holiday".

This is a more promising approach to capturing good will for the twin purposes of profitability and environmentalism. Some of the places on the itinerary feature what used to be called natural history, though no claim is made that visiting them will do any good to the planet. But when the customer pays for the holiday, a donation is made towards a truly green cause, the upkeep of an acre of tropical rain forest in Belize.

He who cherishes a rain forest cherishes the planet, which is no bad feeling to add to an array of agreeable holiday-making satisfactions. Since going on holiday usually contributes a few extra litres of carbon dioxide towards the greenhouse effect, this quid pro quo might seem no more than is due. It advances the useful idea of compensation — that every action likely to harm the planet should be balanced by one likely to help it. And forest, environmentally, is twice over a friendly thing, once as a storehouse and habitat for flora and fauna found nowhere else, and again as a regulator of the atmosphere by the conversion of carbon dioxide into oxygen.

One of the problems of green concern is in meeting the public demand for "something we can do". It was that which attracted marketing departments and advertisers until customer cynicism set in. Leaving environmental salvation to politicans may manufacture more hot air for the planetary greenhouse but little else; leaving it to new laws or to obscure scientists may seem irresponsible. But balancing harm with good, as in the concept of green holidays proposed yesterday, is an elastic one which can be stretched all ways to meet this need for personal action at the green grassroots.

Dr James Lovelock, the inventor of the Gaia concept which understands the entire planet as one living ecosystem, advocates to a generation wedded to its motorcars the simple rule that for every new car bought, the purchaser should also plant a tree. Thus, crudely, the CO_2 put into the atmosphere by the new car's engine would be taken out again by the new tree's leaves.

Only those with land with room for new trees can follow his advice literally. The rest, if not investing in tree preservation in Belize, must look to some arrangement between the car industry and forestry interests at home. A £50 tree-planting surcharge per car could actually attract environmentally anxious customers rather than drive them away. It would also buy £50-worth of relief from green car-owning guilt. If you can sell holidays that way, you can also sell cars.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Archbishops' call on asylum rules

From the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

Sir, We write to voice our concern about some aspects of the Asylum Bill and the draft procedure rules currently before Parliament. The difficulties faced by governments in coping with unpredictable influxes of refugees should not be minimised, but it is essential that any streamlining of the procedures for dealing with asylum claims in this country should preserve the protection to which genuine asylum seekers are entitled under international law.

Under the proposed arrangements, there will only be a right of appeal against a refusal if leave to appeal has been granted first. An application for leave to appeal will have to be lodged within three days of the refusal decision being posted by the Home Office, and without the applicant seeing the evidence on which the refusal has been based.

There is a deep concern felt by many involved in refugee work that these procedures are unrealistically tight, and pay too little regard to the actual circumstances in which a genuine asylum seeker — by definition someone in real fear of persecution — is likely to arrive here.

In signing the 1951 convention on the status of refugees, this country accepted the moral responsibility, which is also a Christian duty, of welcoming the true asylum seeker who knocks on our door. There is little virtue in proclaiming a willingness to open the door to genuine asylum seekers if the path to it is effectively blocked by provisions which obstruct rather than facilitate access to fair adjudication on appeal.

We hope it is not too late for these points to be carefully considered and the provisions amended so that they do not exclude the genuine refugee.

Yours faithfully,
†GEORGE CANTUAR,
Lambeth Palace, SE1.

BASIL HUME,
Archbishop's House, SW1.
November 12.

Turning the tide

From Dr Norman Myers

Sir, I recently advised the minister of immigration in Rome about the fast-growing number of refugees who are crossing the Mediterranean from North Africa to southern Europe.

They feel driven from their homelands through the decline of agricultural output and other forms of livelihood. The Italian government is specially concerned about this, since Italy is one of the first arrival points.

The problem is compounded by population growth. Within 20 years the populations of North African countries are projected to expand from 120 million to 177 million.

Now is the time to counter this threat, by helping North African countries to enjoy the benefits of development and through support for their population planning efforts.

Yours truly,
NORMAN MYERS,
Upper Meadow, Old Road,
Headington, Oxford.
November 5.

Not forgotten by some

From Mr Nigel Heppenstall

Sir, I am pleased to say that at 11am on Armistice Day, November 11, at the Thiepval Monument to the Battle of the Somme, the dead were not forgotten. There were 12 civilians present.

However, I regret to advise you that there was not one British representative in any official capacity, even to hoist the Union Jack, at a British memorial to 73,412 names of missing men of the Great War.

Yours faithfully,

NIGEL HEPPENSTALL,
Quinten Matsijslei 12/8,
2018 Antwerp, Belgium.
November 11.

Radiation effects

From Dr Gerard Bulger

Sir, The medical profession is not in a position to criticise others for the use of radioactive materials (letter, November 11).

Nuclear weapons-testing fallout accounted for 0.5 per cent of the radiation exposure of the UK population (National Radiation Protection Board figures for 1986), the same level gained by the population from air travel and luminous watches. Medical use, mainly x-rays, accounted for 11.5 per cent of the radiation exposure.

There is not much evidence that medical radiation saves more lives than the deaths it causes. The NRPB study (1990) suggested that half the radiation dose resulting from diagnostic radiology may be unnecessary and might be responsible for 100 to 250 cancer deaths a year.

Furthermore, radiology departments recognise that many of the radiological investigations that general practitioners and hospital doctors request do not change the management of the patients and are unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,
GERARD BULGER,
58 Newick Road,
Lower Clapton, E5.
November 11.

Pride and prejudice on Oxford gowns

From Mr James Travers

Sir, I was surprised to see so much space and credibility lavished on the Oxford University Students' Union challenge to Oxford's gown rule (report and leading article, November 9).

OUSU presidents feel an obligation to appear caring. Their brief tenure of office is littered with motions designed to make state-school students such as myself feel at home by making university life as drab as possible. This is both insulting and patronising.

In the case of academic dress such "concern" is also misplaced. Cambridge has long adopted casual dress for examinations, with no quantifiable effect on the number of state-school applications.

If OUSU believes academic dress is wrong it should seek to abolish it, in which case any referendum would probably produce the same negative reaction which Worcester College, as you reported, has already registered.

Making it non-compulsory would be both woolly-minded (what is the point of a uniform if it is not uniform?) and dishonest, inviting abolition by the back door.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES TRAVERS,
Brasenose College, Oxford.
November 10.

From Mr Anthony Forster

Sir, Your leader clearly identified the dangers of the "subfusc mentality" and pointed to its wider implications beyond the confines of the examination schools. The debate has also taken on a symbolic dimension within Oxford University, in which progressive forces are increasingly challenging the traditional strongholds on performance criteria rather than history and pedigree.

The newer postgraduate colleges in the university have sufficient confidence in the ability of their dons to cast off the mantle of the gown which has done so much to symbolise the distinction between the majesty of the dons and the subservience of the students. In these much more informal environments students rub shoulders with "fellows" not in a subservient way but as equals, learning from each other interactively, unhindered by formality and hierarchy. In these colleges performance is the mark of excellence.

In other more traditional colleges, hierarchy and formality mask decay and stagnation and engender servile compliance. I am amazed that students who wish to question accepted academic norms and assumptions are prepared to handicap themselves by such an environment. Dons in these sleepy cloistered colleges might be in for a rude awakening, as prestige shifts to centres of excellence elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY W. FORSTER,
St Antony's College, Oxford.

From Mr Simon Burrough

Sir, The gown is worn with pride on graduation day at every university, so is it the occasion that supports the gown?

I can remember during my finals looking hopefully through an ophthalmoscope with the sleeve of my gown dangling over a patient's mouth. I wasn't allowed to examine a patient in my shirtsleeves. Should the gown be worn in hall it might dangle in the soup, or on a bicycle get entangled in the wheel.

Why shouldn't a student attend his graduation ceremony in a T-shirt and jeans? Is it sensible in this nonconformist society to have any rules at all? Wouldn't a judge look cosier in a T-shirt, if a little chillier, as long as he conformed to the law? Sportsmen now have their names on the backs of their T-shirts, although they continue to play by the rules.

I knew you shouldn't have moved the advertisements from the front page.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
yours faithfully,
SIMON BURROUGH,
Mixbury Hall, Mixbury,
Nr Brackley, Northamptonshire.

From Mr C. J. O. Kendall

Sir, The wearing of subfusc for exams maintains an old tradition, fascinates tourists and (whether we admit it or not) appeals to every student's sense of vanity. We all enjoy the excuse to dress up and it does add something to one's finals, the culmination of three of four years' work.

I would argue that by making subfusc optional one would be giving the institution the kiss of death. Subfusc would go the way of college scarves and gowns in hall (at least in my old college). Better the written law that we can all comfortably scoff at than the unwritten law of the fashion mafia which we scorn at our peril.

Yours truly,
CHRIS KENDALL,
105 Burkes Road,
Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire.
November 11.

From the Vicar of Ewell

Sir, Since matriculation in the Sheldonian Theatre preceded my first tutorial in college it was undoubtedly the subfusc rig which gave me my first specific benefit of an Oxford education. One had to learn how to cope with the mysteries of a bow tie, for such arcane knowledge had not been required in my grammar school at Port Talbot.

Unfortunately the knowledge was wasted on the likes of me, since I follow a profession in which, because our collars are reversed, bow ties ought to be worn at the nape and other ties down the back.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HANFORD,
Ewell Vicarage, Church Street,
Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.
November 10.

Alice in clubland

From Mr John Kennedy

Sir, Christine Freshwater, chairman of the City Women's Network, is reported as believing that women should be admitted to gentlemen's clubs in order to help them reach the top ("Where men still club together", November 5). Such a view demonstrates a perverse sense of logic.

Any champion of equality must surely argue that an establishment that reserves such an unfair business and social advantage, exclusively for its members, should be closed down altogether. Ms Freshwater seems able to tolerate inequality so long as it is open to both sexes.

In fact, business papers, business talk, mobile telephones and all the other paraphernalia of the commercial world are not tolerated in any respectable club. This rule is so strict that I was recently rebuked by a fellow member for discussing the bankruptcy of an English peer in the late 1800s.

The red herring of "the business advantage" is introduced by the champions of militant equality in order to demonstrate that women have a need to join a gentlemen's club rather than simply a desire.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KENNEDY,
Brooks's,
St James's Street, SW1.
November 6.

Shared parenting

From Mr S. R. C. King

Sir, Laurie Taylor ("Equality stops at the door step", November 4) suggests that shared parenting will reduce those emotional differences between the sexes which affect aptitude for business. He has missed the main point.

The real benefits of shared parenting over maternal parenting are: children who see that their parents are of broadly equal status, sons who learn from their fathers what being a man means, daughters who better understand men, fathers who know how children become adults, and mothers who can enjoy their careers, properly assisted by their husbands and secure in the knowledge that all employees have broadly similar opportunities to benefit (in emotional terms) and suffer (in career terms) from parenthood.

We should be discussing ways to encourage men to be fathers rather than ways for women to be successful at business. Is it time for *The Times* to tear up its Charter for Women and start work on a Charter for Parents?

Yours etc.,
SIMON KING,
40 Rutland Road,
Harrow, Middlesex.
November 4.

Funny old world

From Mr Winston Graham

Sir, I was depressed by the centre pages of Saturday's *Times*. First, a leading article supporting — on some strange egalitarian grounds — the move to make subfusc no longer compulsory at Oxford on a few formal occasions, when already for 99 per cent of the time undergraduates may dress like refugees, and often do.

Then Philip Howard criticises Marks & Spencer for trying to please the purists by being grammatical. I thought he of all people would have supported the maintaining of a few props of English grammar in this illiterate world.

Then the letter from Mrs Edmonds rightly deploring the habit of young nurses addressing the very old by their Christian names at first meeting. Many years ago Lord Tweedsmuir said: "You have to get to know a Canadian really well before you can learn his surname". It seems we are now well on this track.

One does not have to dislike change to prefer the maintenance of a few of the older standards.

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON GRAHAM,
Abbotswood House,
Buxted,
Sussex.
November 9.

NHS waiting lists

From the Chairman of Yorkshire Regional Health Authority

Sir, May I put a different perspective on the letters which you published on November 7, highlighting the waiting times endured by patients seeking treatment within the NHS.

Between April 1990 and March this year 392,000 outpatients failed to attend at NHS hospitals in this region. In the same period there were 599,180 admissions, of whom 47.58 per cent were admitted immediately, 82.85 per cent within three months, and only 1.62 per cent had waited more than a year.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN ASKEW, Chairman,
Yorkshire Regional Health
Authority,
The Queen Building, Park Parade,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Taxi-card trouble for the disabled

From Mrs Claire Tomalin

Sir, I learn today that Camden council, along with other London boroughs, finds itself obliged to suspend the taxi-card scheme whereby registered disabled people can order taxis and have their journeys subsidised.

Buses and the Underground are useless to the disabled, since both are inaccessible to wheelchairs. To do something to remedy this situation, the GLC set up the taxi-card scheme. When the GLC was abolished, local authorities took it over; since then, it has been steadily cut down as too expensive and now, apparently, as "too popular".

Of course it is popular. My son, now 21, is confined to a wheelchair. It is no exaggeration to say that I saw his life transformed by the taxi-card scheme. It gave him for the first time something approaching the freedom of his peers in getting about London, whether to railway stations, to football matches, to shops or to a pub to meet a friend. With it, he feels his difference less; it is something he can organise for himself, it makes him independent of asking favours. I should add that the taxi drivers of London who work the scheme are exceptionally friendly, decent and helpful.

Disabled people used to be hidden at home or in institutions, and if they went out it would be in a group, in an institutional bus, if they were lucky. They were not expected to want to plan their own lives. The taxi-card scheme was a significant step forward.

I can't believe we are going to return the disabled to those bad times, or that this government's minister for the disabled can stand by and let such a thing happen.

Yours etc.,
CLAIRE TOMALIN,
57 Gloucester Crescent, NW1.
November 11.

Yugoslav conflict

From Miss Nora Beloff

Sir, Without in any way justifying the damage being done to Dubrovnik, I suggest we must nevertheless place the horror within the context of Nazi-type ethnic animosity whipped up in Croatia since the election of President Tudjman.

Your reporters (November 11) tell us of the shelling of the Hotel Argentina where a British journalist was hurt. I recall staying in that hotel one year ago, and being told by a young Croat woman that the citizens of "little Venice" were improperly turning this international treasure-house into a stronghold of Croatian nationalism. Everywhere flags and emblems identified the city as Croatian.

The woman, who ran a travel agency near the hotel, was in tears as she told me that she found herself ostracised by her fellow-citizens for rejecting racial hatreds, which she said were ruining the country.

We cannot know how many of the citizens of Dubrovnik actively sympathise with the extremists, dedicated to ridding Croatia of Serbs. We must hope they are all learning the hard way, unfortunately at the expense of all lovers of Dubrovnik, that they must not humiliate Serbs and Montenegrins.

Sincerely,
NORA BELOFF,
11 Belsize Road, NW6.

On rainbow lines

From Mrs Jill McCarthy

Sir, Replying recently to a letter from me on the privatisation of London buses, the Department of Transport said that all commercial operators will be free to use their own distinctive livery.

Oxford, with its buses of all colours, covered with stripes and dots, demonstrates the hideous visual effect this can have on a great city. Is anything being done to stop this happening in London?

Yours faithfully,
JILL McCARTHY,
31 Campden Grove, W8.

Female tries

From Mr Robert Woods

Sir, I am a physicist, not a biologist, but I understand that a correlation does exist between the production of daughters and the *fitness* of the parent(s) (letters, November 2, 8, 11). This, it seems, is due to fitness producing a higher acidity level in the body which encourages the X-chromosome (female-producing) sperm.

I was playing rugby when my wife produced one of each sex, *both* of whom have played rugby; I must therefore await my grand-daughters, to confirm the theory.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WOODS (Headmaster),
St John's School,
Billericay, Essex.

From Mrs M. Dunkerton

Sir, My late father, the Reverend R. H. B. Cattell, played for Moseley and Blackheath, and was capped seven times for England between 1895 and 1900. After fathering seven girls and no boys, he gave up. It says much for his character that we all were made very welcome.

Yours faithfully,
M. DUNKERTON,
The Field House,
Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Earl of Airlie, KT (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

Mr John Mark Taylor, MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a concert at the Royal Albert Hall by the combined choirs and orchestras of the King's Cathedral Schools to celebrate the 450th Anniversary of their refoundation.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, today attended the Fair Play in Sport-National Team Sport Consultation, at Lord's Cricket Ground, London NW8.

Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Duchess of York this morning returned to Heathrow Airport from Canada.

Mrs Harry Cotterell and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening attended the Magnificent Seven Dinner, "An Evening with Cole Porter", at the Hyatt Carlton Tower, Cadogan Place, London SW1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Princess Royal, President, Rural Housing Trust, this morning opened Larke Cottages, The Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society Limited's Scheme of Rented Houses at High Street, Fen Drayton and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michael Bevan).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, attended the Council of Management Meeting at Balaton Lodge, Newmarket and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rowley, Bt).

This afternoon The Princess, Patron, Dunn Nutrition Centre, visited the Dunn's Hospital Facilities, New Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge and was received by Captain Nigel Chancellor (Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).

This evening Her Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of London, attended the Foundation Day Dinner, Honorary Degree Ceremony and Reception, Senate House, Malet Street, London.

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 12: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited King Edward's School, Witley, and opened the West Wing development.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Dame Frances Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: The Prince of Wales left RAF Kemble this afternoon for a visit to Brussels and The Hague.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, and Mr Richard Arbiter are in attendance.

The Princess of Wales attended the *Evening Standard* Drama Awards Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, WC2.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Help the Aged, attended a Royal Gala Performance of *Simon Boccanegra* at the Royal Opera House, WC2.

Viscountess Campden and Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, The Blackie Foundation Trust, this morning received Sir Maurice Laing, Mrs Rosemary Seys and Mr Robin Holland-Martin, Trustees of the Foundation, who made a presentation to mark Her Royal Highness's forthcoming ninetieth birthday.

This afternoon, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, The East Africa Women's League was present at the Annual General Meeting at Trinity Church House, Brompton Road, London SW7.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester today opened the new extension to the Macclesfield District General Hospital and later visited the East Cheshire Hospice, Macclesfield.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William A. Bromley Davenport).

The Lady Camoys was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 12: The Duke of Kent today visited Liverpool and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Tate Gallery, Albert Dock and, as Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visited Champion Sparking Plug Company Limited, Upton, Wirral.

This afternoon The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, performed the naming ceremony of the "RNLB Lady of Hilbre" at Coburg Dock and later visited Gostin Limited, Hanover Street, Liverpool.

Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this evening attended a Reception and Recital to celebrate the 80th Birthday of the Founder of Befrienders International, Dr Chad Varah, at St Stephen's Church, Walbrook, London EC4.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Tiger Club Dawn to Dusk Competition panel of judges, will preside at a meeting at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; and, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will present the Albert Medal at a dinner at the Society's House at 7.20.

The Prince of Wales will attend the Marylebone Health Centre dinner at the Inter-Continental Hotel at 8.00.

The Princess of Wales, as President of Barnardo's, will attend the Champion Children luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.05.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Refugee Arrivals Project at Heathrow Airport at 10.30; visit the Social Services Department of the London Borough of Hillingdon at 3.00; to meet young refugees and attend a seminar; and, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend the national conference dinner at the Hexagon, Reading, at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Computer Society, will attend the awards day at the Waldorf Hotel at 11.15.

The Duchess of Kent will open the Trent Palliative Care Centre at St Luke's Hospice, Little Common Lane, Sheffield, at 12.15; visit Heeley City Farm, Sheffield, at 2.15; and visit the Sheffield Kidney Institute, Northern General Hospital, at 3.15.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain J.R. Everard
and Miss C.M.A. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Captain James Everard, 17th/21st Lancers, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Everard, of Cold Newton, Leicestershire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Simpson, of Ridlington, Rutland.

Mr N.C.N. Fox
and Miss C.A. Chenery
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Cristos Needham, only son of Mr and Mrs B.G. Fox, of Glebe Farmhouse, Enford, Wiltshire, and Clare Anita, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Chenery, of Barn Lodge, Wroxton-St-Mary, Oxon.

Mr P.L. Harris
and Miss H.K.L. Sharp
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Harris, of Doddinghurst, Essex, and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Sharp, of Chelmsford, Essex.

Major A.M. Macnaughton
and Miss J.S. Mackinder
The engagement is announced between Major Andrew Macnaughton, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.M. Macnaughton, and Jane, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs C.A. Mackinder. Both families of Edinburgh.

Mr A.F. Milne
and Miss F. Hampton
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs Frank Milne, of Wimbledon, and Fiona, youngest daughter of the Revd Canon and Mrs John Hampton, of Broadway, Worcestershire.

Mr J.C.B. Tate
and Miss I. Kobayashi
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs D.F. Tate, of Chelsea, London, and Izumi, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Kobayashi, of Tokyo, Japan.

Mr D.M. Watts
and Miss A.K. Studholme
The engagement is announced between Duncan, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.C. Watts, of Rottingdean, East Sussex, and Anna, only daughter of the late Sir Paul and Lady Studholme, of Perridge House, Longdown, Exeter, Devon.

Mr D.J.U. White
and Miss F.M. Warmbath
Mr and Mrs G.A. Warmbath, of Blunsdon, Wiltshire, have great pleasure in announcing the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Fiona Mary to Mr David John Usmar White, of Sydney, Australia. The wedding will take place in January 1992 in Sydney.

OBITUARIES

ANDREW STEWART

Andrew Stewart, CBE, controller: BBC Northern Ireland, 1948-52; BBC Home Service, 1953-57; and BBC, Scotland, 1957-68; died on November 5 aged 84. He was born on June 23, 1907.

ANDREW Stewart was a pioneer of British broadcasting. He joined the BBC in the Savoy Hill era in 1926 and, apart from a break during the war when he was seconded to the Ministry of Information, he served the corporation for the next 41 years, the last 11 of them as controller in Scotland.

Stewart was the son of a railwayman. He was educated at North Kelvinside Secondary School and at the University of Glasgow where he took his MA in French language and literature. He had been a leading light in his school dramatic society, and after taking his degree he worked briefly as an assistant stage manager with the Scottish National Players, then under Tyrone Guthrie.

At the end of 1926, with recommendations from Guthrie and from one of his Glasgow professors, he joined what was still the British Broadcasting Company. In those early days there was no very elaborate apparatus for appointments. Most new recruits found themselves being interrogated by the general manager, John Reith. The 19-year-old Stewart saw him in his office at Savoy Hill. He was quizzed for the best part of an hour about why he wanted to be part of this curious new enterprise. Then Reith told him that he was appointed. He was officially designated personal assistant to the northern area director, but in those early days job descriptions did not mean a great deal. Everybody was expected to be a jack-of-all-trades, and this included taking turns at reading the news and helping to edit it. He also took part in many radio plays.

He did well. He was appointed Glasgow representative in 1931 and Scottish programme director when he was still in his late twenties. One day, accompanied by a friendly baillie, Stewart went to see Sir Harry Lauder, who was reputed to be unwilling to broadcast for a period of less than an hour or a fee of less than £1,000. The baillie told him that Lauder's real concern was for his position as head of the profession, and that so long as he was assured of a larger fee than Will Fyfe or Gracie Fields, there was no real problem. Stewart put it to the laird of Lauder Ha' that there were a million working men unemployed; they could not afford the price of a music hall ticket, but if he would agree to broadcast, most of them would be able to hear him. "Young man," said Sir Harry, "you have spoken the true word to me this day. Ah'm ashamed o' ma'sel. I'll dae it."

When war came Stewart was all set to take up a commission in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Two days before he was due to report for duty he was told he was to be seconded to the Ministry of Information. He was there for 16 months, initially as a liaison officer, later as a member of the broadcasting division. This coincided with Reith's brief tenure as Minister of Information; Stewart was with him on the day that he heard the news that Churchill had decided to replace him with Duff Cooper.

He continued as Scottish programme director until 1948, and then moved on to the first of his three controllerships. As controller, Northern Ireland he quickly won the respect and trust of all sections of the Ulster community, and he was rewarded four and a half years later with the controllership of the Home Service.

He insisted on high standards, and could be stern with those whom he judged to have fallen short of them, but in spite of his rather austere manner, he was greatly liked and admired in Broadcasting House. He was a very perceptive man, and many members of staff, some of them quite junior, had reason to be grateful to him for some unobtrusive act of kindness. During his time with the Home Service he was appointed CBE.

Loyal Scot though he was, Stewart was disappointed to be sent back north of the border as controller, Scotland, in 1957; he confided to friends that he felt that he was being side-tracked. Certainly, it did not seem at the time that such matters were decided purely on grounds of ability and experience; and there were many who thought that Stewart was a man of much greater moral and intellectual distinction than some of those preferred to him at the centre.

London's loss was very much Scotland's gain, and for the next 11 years the BBC staff there had the benefit of his firm and principled leadership. He was not much in sympathy with the spirit of the 1960s, and this meant that he was sometimes at odds with colleagues in the south. He did not think much of the idea that Alasdair Milne, then editor of the *Tonight* programme, should become his head of programmes, although he was the preferred candidate of the then director-general, Sir Hugh Greene. "Andrew Stewart catechised me sternly about the ballads, about Scottish history, about my recent lack of experience of Scotland," Milne wrote in his memoirs, and it got back to him that he had been described as "a young man in a hurry".

When Stewart retired in 1968 it was, ironically, to Milne that he yielded his controller's chair. There was some surprise when this most Reithian of BBC men shortly afterwards became a director of Scottish Television; Stewart was to remain on its board until his 70th birthday.

He was much in demand in other areas of Scottish life. From 1972 to 1982 he was chairman of the Scottish Music Archive and for five years in the 1970s he was chairman of the Films of Scotland Committee and a governor of the National Film School.

There was one distinction in his retirement which meant more to him than any other. When his old master Lord Reith became Lord Rector of Glasgow University, he invited Stewart to be his assessor. It was not an easy assignment because Reith characteristically decided that he must be much more than a figurehead. The consequent invasions of the province of the principal and senate put considerable strain on relations with the university authorities and for much of his period of office Stewart found himself cast in the role of lightning conductor. The LLD conferred on him by the university in 1970 was a richly deserved battle honour.

Stewart was widely read and maintained his early interest in the theatre. He was also in his day a keen mountaineer. He married in 1937 Agnes Isabella Burnet, daughter of James McKechnie, JP, who predeceased him by a few months.

JIMMIE McALPINE

Alfred James McAlpine, former chairman of the Alfred McAlpine construction group, died on November 6 aged 83. He was born on June 15, 1908.

JIMMIE McAlpine, as he was known to distinguish him from his father, Sir Alfred, the company's founder, chaired the family construction group from 1944 until 1985 and developed it to the point in the 1960s where it was responsible for a fifth of the United Kingdom's entire road-building programme.

In doing so, he consolidated his father's decision in 1935 to break away from the rest of the family building business, which operates under the name of Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons. The original Sir Robert, nicknamed Concrete Bob, had died in 1934. The two companies then divided the country and came to an informal understanding that neither would actively seek contracts in the other's territory. Alfred McAlpine was to concentrate on the Midlands and north west England, Sir Robert McAlpine in south east England and Scotland.

Alfred McAlpine built its reputation on contracts for the Manchester Ship Canal and the Birkenhead section of the Mersey tunnel, and prospered in the reconstruction phase which followed the second world war. The company built many houses and several power stations, as well as taking a leading role in road building.

Civil engineering was Jimmie's McAlpine's first love; he preferred a visit to a large and complex construction site to being confined to a board meeting. In this he followed his grandfather's traditions. He had a remarkable ability to remember employees' names and cemented their loyalty by insisting that works managers be given equal status with qualified engineers on-site. This system prevailed until the onset of sub-contracting in the industry.

The unwritten understanding between the two McAlpine firms remained in force until 1983, when the top management of Alfred McAlpine brought to a head a long-standing campaign to be allowed to expand into other parts of the country and so establish a national presence. The agreement had been breached on a number of earlier occasions, notably when Alfred McAlpine won the initial contract to build Gatwick Airport. Jimmie McAlpine maintained friendly personal relations with his brothers and nephews, and so did not take part in the discussions which led to the end of the understanding. Since then competition between the two companies has been more intense, and Alfred McAlpine has made losses in house and road building.

McAlpine largely shunned the limelight, declining an entry in *Who's Who* and taking little active part in building industry affairs. He was very loyal to those he counted as his friends, and relied on selecting executives to whom he could delegate day-to-day management decisions.

He was educated at Repton and, briefly, Cambridge and became a keen cricketer, golfer and shot. A formidable fast bowler, he captained Denbeighshire before the second world war and ran his local village team. He was president of Wrexham golf club and had a shooting estate in Wales.

McAlpine's other main interest was vintage cars and he amassed, what was at one time the biggest private collection in Britain. But, as arthritis increasingly restricted his ability to drive, he gradually sold the collection.

He married five times, on the last occasion in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, two daughters and a son, Bobby, who succeeded him as chairman of Alfred McAlpine.

CHARLOTTE MOORMAN

Charlotte Moorman, an avant-garde cellist who took delight in scandalising her audiences in the 1960s and 1970s, died of cancer in a Manhattan hospital on November 8 aged 57. She was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on November 18, 1933.

FEW classical musicians have enjoyed the distinction of being arrested for playing the cello while nude from the waist up. But Charlotte Moorman, who was hauled from the stage of the Cinemathèque in New York by two policemen on February 9, 1967, was doing no more than following the score. The composer of *Opéra Sextronique*, the Korean-born American, Nam June Paik, had ordained that she play in this manner before the invited audience of 200. Which she did. The incident (in which Paik himself enacted the role of surrogate cello, with his naked spinal column serving as the finger board for Miss Moorman's cello bow) resulted in her being tried and convicted for partial nudity. The sentence was later suspended but the incident was a landmark in a career which was, to say the least, unusual.

It had begun conventionally enough. Moorman took a bachelor's degree in music at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisana, studied cello with Horace Britt at the University of Texas, and went on to the Juilliard School in Manhattan. She played in the American Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski, and for five years was a member of Jacob Glick's Boccherini Players.

And then, in 1963, something happened. She explained it herself by saying that one day she became bored with a Kabalevsky cello piece, and someone suggested that she try playing John Cage's "26 Minutes, 1,499 Seconds for a String Player." This, among other things, requires the cellist to prepare and eat mushrooms during the performance.

From this point on, the avant-garde became her life. That same year she founded the annual New York Avant-Garde Art Festival — which did not, of course, take place annually. Nevertheless, she presided over 15 festivals during the ensuing 19 years, attracting big audiences to such unlikely locations as the Grand Central Terminal and the Staten Island Ferry.

Moorman's association with Nam June Paik began in 1964, and works were also composed for her by Jim McWilliams and Yoko Ono, who was once her room-mate. The German "action art" sculptor Joseph Beuys was also involved in some of her recitals.

Among other Moorman performances deemed scandalous at the time, was "Cello Sonata No 1 for Adults Only", and Paik's "TV Bra for Living Sculpture", in which she wore a bra made of two small television sets, which the audience might watch if they grew bored with the performance.

In 1977, a decade after their arrest, Moorman and Paik staged a re-creation of her topless performance, calling it "The People of the State of New York against Charlotte Moorman". But times had changed: This time the audience paid $10 a head, and the two police officers who stormed the stage were merely actors.

The composer Edgard Varèse once called Moorman "the Jeanne d'Arc of new music" (though at this distance "the Lady Godiva of music" might seem a more appropriate description). John G. Hanhardt, curator of film and video at the Whitney Museum of American Art, said on hearing of her death: "She will be seen as very important to the history of video and performance art. She was a vital presence and had a passionate commitment to the avant-garde."

Birthdays today

Sir Ewart Bell, civil servant, 67; the Most Rev George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 56; Air Marshal Sir Gareth Clayton, 77; Sir John Coles, diplomat, 54; Sir Lincoln Hallinan, barrister and magistrate, 69; M Eugène Ionesco, author, 79; Sir Anthony Jacobs, chairman, BSM, 60; the Rev Patricia Johns, headmistress, St Mary's School, Wantage, 58; Mr Kenneth Kemp, former chairman, Smith and Nephew, 70; Miss Joan Lestor, MP, 60; Sir Arnold Lindley, former chairman, GEC, 89; Major-General J D. Lunt, 74; Mr John B. McGuckian, chairman, Ulster Television, 52; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 75; Mr John Sparrow, former warden, All Souls College, Oxford, 85.

Reception

Operation Raleigh
Operation Raleigh, the international youth development charity, hosted a reception at HM Tower of London yesterday with the kind permission of the Governor. Among the guests were The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State FCO, and the Countess of Caithness. High Commissioners, Ambassadors and representatives from:

Australia, Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, China, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, Pakistan, Uganda, USA and USSR. The Viscount of Oxfuird, the Hon Diana Makgill, Anthony Booth (BT), David Burdill (Guinness), Roger Farrance (Electricity Association), Rod Lewin (National Power), Lynne Franks, Peter Jones (Inland Revenue), George Thomas (Rank) and Anna Walker (MAS)

Marriage

Mr A.H. Petrie
and Mrs A. Gillespie
The marriage took place on October 11, in Mauritius, of Andrew Houston Petrie, son of His Honour Judge John Petrie, QC, and Mrs Petrie, Belfast, to Ann Gillespie (née Stewart) widow of David R. Gillespie, Holywood, Co Down.

Memorial services

Mrs Marietta Tree
The American Ambassador was represented by Mrs Raymond Seitz at a memorial service for Mrs Marietta Tree held yesterday in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street. The Rev Dr A.W. Marks officiated. Mr Michael Tree, stepson, read the lesson and Mrs John Nutting, sister-in-law, read the Prayer of St Francis Drake. Sir Nicholas Henderson gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Jeremy Tree (stepson), Lady Anne Tree (stepdaughter-in-law), Miss Isabella Tree and Miss Esther Tree (step granddaughters), the Hon Nicholas Beatty, Mr John Nutting, Miss Victoria Nutting.

The Duke of Beaufort, the Countess of Avon, Viscount Esher, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lord Zuckerman, OM, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Rothschild, Teresa Lady Rothschild, Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, Lord and Lady Quinton, Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lady Soames, Lord Sherfield, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Weidenfeld, Lord and Lady Annan, Lord and Lady Jenkins of Hillhead, Lady Carrington, Lord Briggs, Lady Lever of Manchester.

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Professor William Houston
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor William Houston was held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral. Canon Peter Penwarden, vice-provost, officiated, assisted by Canon Peter Price, chancellor. Professor B.G.N. Smith, Head of the Department of Conservative Dentistry, and Mr K.G. Isaacson, Consultant Orthodontist at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, read the lessons. Miss Geraldine Houston, daughter, read from the works of Wordsworth.

Professor J. Moss, Honorary Secretary of the European Orthodontic Society, and Professor A.H.R. Rowe gave addresses. Mr Erik Houston, son, (violin) played *Trioso* by J.S. Bach. Among those present were:

Mrs Houston (widow), Mrs Mary Houston (mother), and other members of the family, Sir Terence English (president, Royal College of Surgeons of England), Professor I R Cameron (principal, UMDS) with Mr Simon Argles (secretary), Professor F P Ashley (dean, Dental School) and other past and present members of the school: Mr Sidney Haynes (Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh), Professor G.B Winter (Institute of Dental Surgery), Mr S Parkin (University College Dental School), Mr John Kerr (Association of University Teachers), Mr K W Lumsden (British Association of Orthodontists), Mr J K Williams and Mr T G Bennett (British Society for the Study of Orthodontics), Mr B C Patterson (British Dental Association), Mr Ray Reed (Consultant Orthodontists Group), Professor J P Moss (European Society of Orthodontists), Professor J R E Mills (*European Journal of Orthodontics*), Miss Sue Bell (Oxford University Press), Mr John Brooks (Quintessence Publishers), Professor F P G M van der Linden (ERASMUS), Professor Mary Hegarty (Orthodontic Society of Ireland), Mr K W Tyson (Edinburgh Dental School), Dr M Evalahti and Professor dr O Ronning (University of Turku, Finland), Professor Karen Hiltemac (Syracuse University, New York), Dr G R J Mazeland and Mr Andrew Sandham (Amsterdam University and Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands), Professor dr S Linder-Aronson (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden), Professor dr P Rygh (Bergen University, Norway), Professor B Solow (Royal Dental College, Copenhagen), Professor S Miotti, Professor F A Miotti and representatives from UMDA, the Royal Dental Hospital, the Royal London Hospital and King's College Dental School.

Mr Robert Belgrave
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Robert Belgrave was held yesterday at St Giles Cripplegate, EC2. Canon Hugh Mumford officiated. Mrs Pamela Best, daughter, read the lesson and Sir Denis Wright gave an address.

Professor P.W. Duff
A memorial service for Professor Patrick William Duff, Senior Fellow, was held on Saturday, November 9, in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge. The Rev A.J. Davey, Assistant Dean of Chapel, officiated, assisted by Dr A.G. Weeds, Dean of Chapel, and the Rev J.A. Cave Bergquist, Chaplain.

Lessons were read by Professor G.H. Jones, Vice-Master, and Dr J.R.G. Bradfield, Senior Bursar. An address was given by the Rev H.A. Williams, CR.

Members of the family, the Master, Fellows and Honorary Fellows of the College, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sir David Williams, friends and representatives were among those present.

Lord Molson

A memorial service for The Right Hon Hugh Lord Molson, PC, will be held at St Thomas Becket Church, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on Thursday, November 21, 1991, at 2pm.

Lord Tennyson

The memorial service for the 4th Baron Lord Tennyson will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, on Tuesday, November 19, at 11am.

Luncheons

Baltic Exchange
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff John Perring and the City Marshal, attended a luncheon given by Mr Peter Tudball, Chairman of the Baltic Exchange, and the directors yesterday at St Mary Axe. The Greek Ambassador was among those present.

First Day Cover Club
Mr Brian Redhead was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the First Day Cover Club held yesterday at the Reform Club to mark the issue of the Christmas 1991 stamps. Mr Keith McDowall presided.

Dinners

Lincoln's Inn
Sir Michael Davies, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, and the Master of the Bench entertained at dinner in hall last night, it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were:

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the High Commissioner for Australia, the High Commissioner for India, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Lord Griffiths, Baroness Phillips, Sir Brian Hutton (Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland), Lady Susan Hussey, Lady Davies, Mr Justice Parker, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, Sir Alun Davies, QC, Judge Lymbery, QC, Mr F Petre Crowder, QC (treasurer, Inner Temple), Mr P J Cox, QC (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Miss Patricia Scotland, QC, Professor W J Albery, Mr A R Lewis, Mr Max Stafford-Clark, Mrs Kathleen Tynan, Mr Gerard Davies, Mrs Jennifer Thomas and Captain P M Carver, RN (under treasurer).

United and Cecil Club
Mr Tom King, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, a vice-chairman of the club, was host. Sir Marcus Fox, MP, chairman, presided and Mr Geoffrey Inkin also spoke.

Bahrain Society
The Bahrain Society Annual Dinner was held at Over-Seas House, St James's, SW1, last night. The guests were received by the President, the Ambassador of the State of Bahrain, and by the Chairman, Mr E.F. Given. The principal guests were the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and HE Mr Habib Qassim, Minister of Commerce and Agriculture in Bahrain. Others present included:

The Ambassadors of Kuwait and Qatar, the First Secretaries of Saudi Arabia, Oman and the UAE, Mrs Al Shakar, Mrs Given, Mr and Mrs A.K. Al Mudaris, the Right Rev Leonard Ashton, Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, Viscount Buckmaster, Mr M. Chandler, Sir Donald Hawley, the Hon Ivor and Mrs Lucas, Mr and Mrs P.M. Nixon, Mr M.G. Petter, Mr J.C. Philip, Sir John Stokes, MP, Mr and Mrs R.M. Tesh, Mr Ian Taylor, MP, Sir Harold and Lady Walker, Mr Husain Yateem.

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) held its annual Presidential Dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall last night. Professor Andrew Likierman, President of the Institute, was the host. Amongst the guests were:

Lord Chorley, Sir David Alliance, Sir Anthony Battishill, Sir Kenneth Berrill, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Sir John Bourn, Sir David Calcutt, QC, Sir Colin Chandler, Sir Edward Du Cann, Sir Richard Francis, Sir Angus Fraser, Sir Terence Heiser, Sir Robin Ibbs, Sir Peter Kemp, Sir Ian Morrow, Sir Peter Parker, Dame Shirley Porter, Sir Robert Reid, Sir Brian Unwin, and Mr David Knox, MP.

Also present were: Dr E Butler, Mr P J Butler, Mr I R C Byatt, Mr J P Charkham, Mr M Checkland, Mr J G Collier, Mr H R Collum, Mr D J S Cooksey, Mr J Cornford, Mr I H Davidson, Mr G M Devereau, Mrs R E J Gilmore, Mr A J Hardcastle, the Right Hon Terence Higgins, the Hon Mrs S. Hogg, Mr A C Hugh Smith, Mr N C Ireland, Dr W H Jack, Mr S Kalms, Mr M G Lickiss, Mr T Maher, Mr G Maitland Smith, Mrs S J L Mills, QC, Mr P W Morgan, Mr W C C Morrison, Mr W J L Plowden, Mr A E G Raphael, the Right Hon William Rodgers, Professor J C Shaw, the Right Hon Robert Sheldon, Mr C Swinson, Mr S R Wells and Mr R C Wingate.

Farleigh School
Farleigh School Old Boys' Dinner was held at the Cafe Royal on Thursday, November 7. His Eminence, Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB, Archbishop of Westminster was the principal guest.

Service dinner

16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers
The annual officers' dinner of the 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General A.W. Dennis, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Augustine of Hippo, Tagaste (Souk-Ahras, Algeria), 354; Edward III, reigned 1327-77, Windsor, 1312; Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist, Edinburgh, 1850.

The sight of the crowds moved Jesus to pity: they were like sheep without a shepherd, harassed and helpless.
St Matthew 9 : 36 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADAMSON - On November 2nd 1991, to Barbara and Clive, a son, David William, at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton.

AGREDA VILACA - On November 9th, at the Humana Hospital, Wellington, to Marcus and Rosane, a son, Erik.

BATES - On November 2nd, to Frances (née Stott) and Christopher, a son, Joseph Martin, a brother for Ellie.

BROWNLIE - On November 10th 1991, to Sarah (née Law) and John, at the Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, a daughter, Suzannah, a sister for Vanessa and Hannah.

CHATRATH - On November 6th, at The Portland Hospital at 09.40 hrs, to Adosh and Divya, a daughter. Granddaughter to Mr & Mrs Shyam Chatrath and Mr & Mrs Roshanlal Ghai. Mother and daughter both happy.

COLLIER - On November 11th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Linda (née Cribb) and Nicholas, a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth.

FLETCHER - On November 8th, 1991 at the Seibo Hospital, Tokyo to Jane and David Fletcher a son, Charles.

GILDAY - On November 10th 1991, to Siobhan (née Simpson-Nairn) and Ian, a son, Patrick Joseph.

HOGAN - On November 9th, at The Portland Hospital, to Peter and Barbara, a beautiful baby daughter.

LAKE - On November 8th 1991, to Caroline (née Flime) and Mark (Sparks), a son, George Anthony, a brother for Alexander and Sophie.

MERCHANT - On November 7th, to Rosamund (née Baker) and Roger, a son Dominic Charles, a little brother for Alexander and Nicholas.

O'DRISCOLL - On November 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Carolyn (née Wiet) and Peter, a daughter, Olivia Louise Isabel.

STREET - On November 9th, at The Portland Hospital, to Kelly and Barry, a son, Oliver Leo, a brother for Georgina and Amelia.

DEATHS

BEST - On November 6th, at Hammersmith Hospital, Peggy. Cremation at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, London W10 4RA at 11 am on Friday November 15th. Family flowers only. Donations to The Spastics Society, 12 Park Crescent, London W1N 4EQ.

BINSTOCK - On November 3rd 1991, in the South of France, after a road traffic accident, Patrina Mary, aged 49 years. Funeral Service, St Michael's Church, Chester Square, SW1, 10.30 am, Friday November 15th, followed by a private interment. All flowers and enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon Ltd. (071) 937-0757.

BOOTH - On November 11th 1991, peacefully at Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh, John Richard (Dick), dearly loved husband of Mary Aitchison (Amy) and a very special father, stepfather and grampy. Family burial. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Bolton Parish Church, East Lothian, on Friday November 15th at 2.30 pm.

BORCHERSEN - On November 10th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Paul Anders, aged 31 years. A much loved son to Knud and Jean and adored brother to Jane, Emma and Sarah. His bravery was an inspiration to us all, he will be sadly missed by his family and all of his many friends. The funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Vernham Dene (near Andover), on Friday November 15th at 11 am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for The Leukaemia Research Fund may be sent to Camp Hopson and Chivers F/D. 6/12 Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berks.

BROOKE SMITH - On November 10th, Thomas William (Brookie), Freeman of the City of London, much loved husband of Joey and father of Simon and Selina and devoted grandfather of Zoe, Lucinda and Christina. Funeral private. Memorial Service later. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 5 White Hart Lane, Wellington, Somerset.

BRUCE - On Sunday November 10th 1991, peacefully and fortified by the rites of Holy Church at The Old Vicarage Nursing Home, South Petherton, Somerset, Joan Mary, aged 87, beloved widow of Brigadier Ian Bruce, D.S.O., M.B.E., and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. R.I.P. Requiem Mass 1 30 pm on Monday November 18th at Blackfriars, Oxford, followed by burial at Wolvercote Cemetery, Banbury Road. Afterwards tea will be served in Christchurch Hall. Flowers to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

COLLINS - On November 10th 1991, at home after a valiant fight, Peter Edmund, sadly missed by his loving wife Elsie and daughters Christine and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday November 15th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Poole Scanner Appeal Maintenance Fund or Cancer Research may be sent to A.E. Jolliffe & Son, Funeral Directors, 17 Victoria Road, Ferndown, Dorset. tel: (0202) 872050.

KEATING - See McKee Cecelia, an affectionate friend and an inspired violinist.

DEATHS

DEAN - On November 11th, peacefully in The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, Francis Edward (Frank) aged 68 years, of Cuckfield, West Sussex. Senior Advisor to E.R.L. and former Chief Environmental Officer, British Gas. Funeral on Monday November 18th at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Flowers if desired may be sent to the Church prior to the funeral.

DICKINS - On November 9th, at Papworth Hospital peacefully, David John, much loved husband of Pauline, loving father of Ann and Beverley and dearest grandfather of Romilly and Melanie. Funeral for family only. A Thanksgiving Service for his life will be held at St Mary's Parish Church, Reigate, at 2.30 pm on December 3rd. Donations, if desired, in his memory to The Heart Scanner Appeal, c/o Michael Hayes, 39/43 Station Road, Redhill, Surrey.

EDWARDES - On November 11th, peacefully, Sylvia Inez Packenham (Bunny), widow of Col. the Hon. Michael Edwardes. Funeral at St Mary's, Tetbury, on Monday November 18th at 2 pm. Flowers and enquiries to L. Parry Funeral Directors, Tetbury.

GREENHILL - On November 12th, peacefully at Poole Hospital, Jessie May, aged 92, wife of the late William James Greenhill, mother of Pamela Elizabeth and Peter Henry and the late John William Greenhill. Funeral 2pm Tuesday November 19th at The White Eagle Lodge, 7 Leicester Road, Branksome Park, Poole. Flowers to J.J. Allen, Seamoor Road, Westbourne, Bournemouth BH4 9AN. Donations to The White Eagle Lodge. Private interment.

HAMMOND - On November 11th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Arthur, aged 86 years. Musical Director of Carl Rosa Opera Company. Beloved husband of Rhonda Bachmann Hammond. Private Funeral on the Isle of Wight. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date.

HARBINSON - On Monday November 11th 1991, peacefully at her home, The Old Manse, Speymouth, Fochabers, Morayshire, Muriel Rhoda, aged 83 years. Dearly beloved wife of George, dearly loved mother of Roderick, Heather and Petronella.

HARPUR-CREWE - On Friday November 8th 1991, at Warslow, Henry Francis, D.L., of Calke Abbey. Funeral is in Calke Church for close friends and estate workers, at 2 pm on Monday November 18th. No letters please. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation (South Derbyshire Branch) or the Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, c/o The Estate Office, Ticknall, Derby, DE7 1JH. A Memorial Service will be held at 2.30 pm at Derby Cathedral on Saturday December 14th 1991.

HAWKHEAD - On November 10th, James, aged 9 months, very peacefully at home in his mummy's arms. To know him was to love him. Funeral Service at the New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, London N11, on Monday November 18th at 10.30 am. All friends welcome but no flowers or black ties please. Donations for research into Pelizaeus Merzbacher Disease may be sent to the Research Trust for Metabolic Diseases in Children, 53 Beam Street, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 5NF.

JOHNSTON - On November 11th, suddenly but peacefully in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Sir Edward Alexander, aged 62, former Government Actuary. Beloved husband of Christine, loving father of Sara, Philip, Anna and Paul, and a proud grandfather. Funeral at St Simon and St Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood, at 2 pm on Monday November 18th. Family flowers only but donations in his memory, if desired, to the British Kidney Patient Association or the Civil Service Benevolent Fund. Details of a Memorial Service in London to be announced later.

KILLIP - On Monday November 11th 1991, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Jersey, Kenneth Alfred, O.B.E., aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Elsie and much loved father of John, Greeba, David and Alan. He will be sadly missed by all his relatives and friends. Funeral Service to be held in Jersey. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to The Occupational Centres Ltd., Honorary Treasurer, Mr E.J. Sims, 24 Lewis Street, St Helier, Jersey or to the Cancer Research Campaign c/o Honorary Tresurer, Mr D Watkins, Lloyds Bank plc, 9 Broad Street, St Helier, Jersey. Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd. Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey. tel: (0534) 33330.

LUXMOORE - On November 10th 1991, John Maarten, of Blawith, Cumbria. Memorial Service at St Luke's, Lowick, on Saturday November 16th at noon. No flowers please.

MARTIN - On November 11th 1991, peacefully, James Henry, aged 95 years, dearly beloved husband of May, much loved father of Linda and Jenny, a dear father-in-law and Grandpa. Service and cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium on Wednesday November 20th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations may be sent for Cancer Research, c/o Thomas Bragg & Sons Funeral Directors, 562 Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 4AY.

PEARCY - On November 12th, peacefully at home in Cape Town, Felice Frances, in her 94th year.

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MARTIN-BIRD - On November 10th, Christopher Jeff, much loved husband of Kate, father of Mary, Matthew, Edward and Peter, son of Sir Richard and Lady Martin-Bird, and dearly loved brother of Joanna, Sarah and Frances. A brave and determined fight to the end. Reunited with Richard. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Mobberley, on Friday November 15th at 11.30 am, prior to private committal. No flowers please but if desired donations for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. All enquiries and donations to J. Jennings & Son, Chelford Road, Warford. tel: Alderley Edge (0625) 584199.

McCONNELL - On November 8th, peacefully at home, Barnard, much loved husband of Jean, father of David, Peter and Linda and dear grandfather of Richard, Joe, Rachel, Lisa, Kate and Shaun. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on November 18th 1991 at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations instead please to the British Heart Foundation.

McKEE - On November 9th, Cecelia, in Palmerston North, New Zealand, much loved wife of the late Air Marshal Sir Andrew McKee. Sadly missed by her family and many friends.

MUSSETT - On November 10th 1991, quietly and courageously at his loved home, Charles (Charlie) McCord Mussett, aged 63. Cremation private by request. Memorial Service at Radley College at 12 noon Saturday January 11th 1992.

PEARSON - On November 11th 1991, at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, John Edwin (Priest) aged 65 years, the beloved husband of Elizabeth. Funeral private. If desired, donations for The League of Hospital Friends, Princess Royal Hospital, may be sent to S.E. Skinner & Sons, 145 Lewes Road, Brighton. tel: (0273) 607446.

SHARPLES - On November 11th, William Leslie Gregory, father of Richard, Daniel and Anne.

SMITH - On November 9th, at home peacefully in his sleep after a long determined fight against cancer, Joseph Turnbull, aged 60, ex-Supt. Met. Police. Dearly loved husband of Shirley, devoted father of Josephine and Joanne and adored grandfather of Claire, Lorna, James and Andrew. Service at Thanet Crematorium on Monday November 18th at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations to the Pilgrims Hospice, c/o Gore Brothers Ltd. (0843) 223534.

STARMER-SMITH - On November 11th, at St George's Hospital, London, peacefully after a short illness, bravely borne with characteristic selflessness and courage, Charlotte Alice Mary, aged 16 years, beloved daughter of Rosamund and Nigel and adored sister of Charles and Julian. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Peppard, near Henley-on-Thames, at 3pm on Friday November 15th. No flowers please but donations will be warmly received by the Charlotte Starmer-Smith Medical Fund, Department of Haematology, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading or the Bone Marrow Environment Fund, Department of Haematology, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0QT.

TRACEY - On November 9th, Dr. Basil Martin, O.B.E., at the grand old age of 92, peacefully at home in Norwich. Cremation private. Memorial Service in the New Year. Donations to 'The Friends of Norwich Cathedral' c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk.

TRUTER - On November 8th 1991, suddenly, Bhlaire, of Northwood, Middlesex, wife of the late Neville Truter, mother of Gregor and Ruaidhri. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. The funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip (East Chapel) on Monday November 18th at 2pm. Flowers to E. Spark Ltd., tel: (0923) 825372.

USHERWOOD - On November 8th, peacefully at Southampton General Hospital, Carys Stella Waldron (née Dyer) of Alexandra Terrace, Teignmouth, Devon. Beloved wife of the late Tom Usherwood (1969), darling mother of Robin, Ysanne and Nerissa, dear sister of Joyce and sister-in-law of Jack. Loving grandmother of Leigh and Jordan and mother-in-law of Jonathan and Michael. Graduate of the Royal Academy of Music L.R.A.M. (September 1953). Successful singing career throughout U.K. Principal of the renowned Candlemas Studios, Seer Green, Bucks. Academy of singing, drama and dance (1970-1984). Latterly successful exhibitor of toy poodles (Zara qualified for Crufts 1992). She will be missed sadly by all. Floral tributes and all donations for Cancer Research may be sent to Harris and Loveridge Funeral Services, Willow Street, Teignmouth, Devon. Contact Harris and Loveridge for details. tel: (0626) 774556.

USILL - On November 7th 1991, peacefully, Harley Usill, aged 66, husband of Sylvie St Clair Usill. Widower of the late Elizabeth Dillon Usill. Father of David, Andrew and George. Private cremation service. Donations may be sent to Leukaemia Charity. Memorial Service to be arranged.

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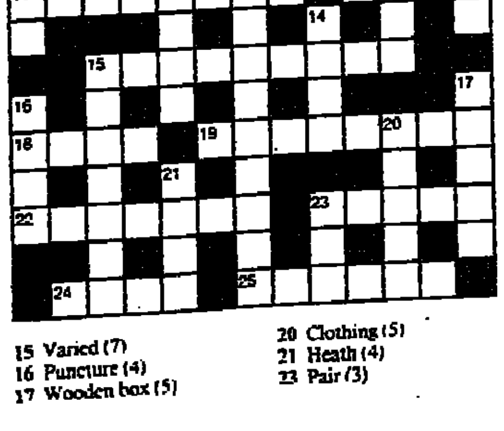

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WILSON - On November 10th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Vivien, much loved sister of Audrey Flower and loving aunt of Geraldine and Zoe Flower, so sadly missed. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St Michael and All Angels, Bath Road, Chiswick W4, at 12 noon on Wednesday November 20th.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GAYFORD - A Remembrance Service for Kit will be held at Chelsea Old Church on Thursday December 5th at 12.30 pm, afterwards at Crosby Hall.

HARINGTON - The Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Joy Harington will be at 2.30 pm on Saturday November 30th at All Saints, Battersea Park (Prince of Wales Drive, near corner with Queenstown Road).

MOLSON - A Memorial Service for The Right Hon. Hugh Lord Molson, P.C., will be held at St Thomas Becket Church, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on Thursday November 21st 1991 at 2pm.

PONSFORD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Louise Ponsford will be held at Christ Church, East Sheen, corner of Christchurch Road and West Temple Sheen, London SW14, on Thursday November 28th at 2 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Listing
The New Shares will be listed on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange, where the existing shares are listed. The New Shares will be admitted to the Official Lists of the two stock exchanges as from 20th November, 1991

Dividend
The New Shares will be eligible for all dividends declared or paid as from the financial year 1991/92. Dividends will be credited to the shareholder's account with the account holding institution.

Lead Manager
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Prospectus
The Prospectus with details on the GN Great Nordic Group and containing the complete terms and conditions of the issue may be obtained from the Lead Manager, the Selling Group and Danish financial institutions and stockbroking companies.

Lead Manager: Unibank A/S

Co-Managers: Den Danske Bank
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Copenhagen, 4th November, 1991

GN Great Nordic Holding

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GN Great Nordic

At its extraordinary meeting on 4th November, 1991 the Company's Board of Directors passed a resolution to increase the share capital by a nominal amount of DKK 170,509,300 pursuant to the authority granted in article 4 of the Articles of Association.

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The nominal share capital will thus be increased from DKK 341,018,600 to DKK 511,527,900.

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ON THIS DAY

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1886

"Insist on having a Minister for Education," said Matthew Arnold addressing a gathering of teachers who had come to do him honour on his retirement as an Inspector of Schools. Critic, essayist, poet, sometime Professor of Poetry at Oxford, both through his writings and his lectures Arnold exercised a wide influence.

MR MATTHEW ARNOLD AND THE WESTMINSTER TEACHERS.

There was a large gathering last evening in St Peter's Schoolroom, Lower Belgrave-street, to witness the presentation to Mr Matthew Arnold of a silver claret jug and salver, on his retirement from the office of inspector of schools for the Westminster district after a service of 35 years. The gift was subscribed for by 252 teachers, and the salver bore the following inscription:- "This salver was presented to Mr Matthew Arnold, MA, DCL, LLD, on his retirement from the inspectorship of Westminster by the teachers of the district as a token of their regard, and in grateful recognition of the happy relations, which have marked his connexion with them, November 12, 1886."

The chair was taken by Mr E.T. Morgan, head master of St James's School, Westminster, who said that there were some present who had known Mr Arnold during the whole period of his inspectorship. From 1851, the date of his appointment, to 1871, Mr Arnold only inspected denominational schools; but from the latter period to the present time undenominational schools also had come within his duties, and gentlemen would address the meeting who had known him in both capacities.

Mr Arnold in returning thanks said,- To Government I owe nothing. (Cheers and laughter). But then I have always remembered that under our Parliamentary system the Government probably takes little interest in such work, whatever it is, as I have been able to do in the public service, and even perhaps knows nothing at all about it. And, ladies and gentlemen, we must take the evils of our system along with the good. Abroad probably a Minister might have known more about my performances. But then abroad I doubt whether I should ever have survived to perform them. (Laughter). Under the strict bureaucratic system abroad I feel pretty sure I should have been dismissed ten times over for the freedom with which on various occasions I have expressed myself on matters of religion and politics. Our government here in England takes a large and liberal view of what it considers a man's private affairs, and so I have been enabled to survive as an inspector for 35 years; and to the Government I at least owe this — to have been allowed to survive for 35 years.

Before we part I wish to give a counsel and to make a reflection. First, the counsel. You have a very strong association, the Elementary Teachers' Union. Some people would say it was too strong. I do not think so (hear, hear); but I wish it could concentrate its strength in one object in the first place, and let other objects be until this one is gained. Insist on having a Minister for Education. (Cheers). I know the Duke of Richmond told the House of Lords that, as Lord President, he was Minister of Education (laughter); but really the Duke of Richmond's sense of humour must have been slumbering when he told the House of Lords that. A man is not Minister of Education by taking the name, but by doing the functions. (Cheers). To do the functions he must put his mind to the subject of education; and so long as Lord Presidents are what they are, and education is what it is, a Lord President will not be a man who puts his mind to the subject of education. A Vice-President is not — on the Lord President's own showing — and cannot be, Minister for Education; he cannot, therefore, be made responsible for mistakes and neglects. Now, what we want in a Minister for Education is this — a centre where we can fix the responsibility. Insist, therefore — as you, the chief sufferers by mistakes and neglects in the management of education have a right to insist.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE FISHER KING** (15): Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams as two lost souls from the myths of time up against modern adversity. Wayward, overblown Terry Gilliam film with droll moments
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666)
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THE FOUR FEATHERS (U): Cowardly army officer redeems himself in the Sudan. Korda's glorious 1939 version of A.E.W. Mason's classic imperial novel. Starring John Clements, Ralph Richardson, June Duprez.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861)

SHATTERED (15): Amnesia, murder and plastic surgery in the San Francisco area. Should be fun, but director Wolfgang Petersen plays his hand badly. With Tom Berenger, Greta Scacchi, Bob Hoskins
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BOYZ N THE HOOD** (15): Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ **CITY SLICKERS** (12): Over-stretched sentimental comedy, with Billy Crystal and chums solving mid-life crises during a cattle trek. Starring Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Helen Slater. Director, Ron Underwood.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE COMMITMENTS** (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DEKALOG PARTS 7 AND 8 (PG): Skeletons rattle in the closets of an anguished mother and an ethics professor. Incisive tales from Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Ten Commandments" cycle
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **EDWARD II** (18): Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers; Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043)

◆ **FLIRTING** (12): Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan. With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

HOMICIDE (15): David Mamet's study of a Jewish cop in New York's snake pit: stunted as drama, but a vivid picture of urban hell. Starring Joe Mantegna.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

MORTAL THOUGHTS (15): Brutal hubby gets his throat slashed, wife and best friend have blood on their hands, and the police on their tail. Stylish, brooding drama, with Demi Moore, Glenne Headly, Bruce Willis. Director, Alan Rudolph.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574)

RAMBLING ROSE (15): Innocent sexpot turns all heads in 1935 Georgia. Episodic, benign, hugely entertaining: memorable performances from Laura Dern, Robert Duvall. Director, Martha Coolidge
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

SPARTACUS (PG): Kirk Douglas leads slaves to revolt in Stanley Kubrick's dashing 1960 epic. Starring Peter Ustinov, Laurence Olivier, Tony Curtis, Jean Simmons, a newly restored print.
Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast, director, Claude Berri
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Lumière (071-836 0691)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☒ **BECKET**: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA**: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play, now in its final week.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

■ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN**: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins

☐ **THE DRAGON'S TRILOGY**: Robert Lepage's breathtaking spectacular: French-Canadian girls travel the breadth of history in three instalments named after the dragons of Mah Jong
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354) Part 1, Tues, Thurs, 7.30pm, Part 2, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm. Sat, Sun, complete cycle, 4pm.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY**: Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins

☐ **THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK**: Good things in this vast, elaborate spectacular but the storyline is a needle in a haystack.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **IT'S RALPH**: Timothy West, Jack Shepherd, Connie Booth in rickety Hugh Whitemore piece about betrayed ideals and unsound timbre. Doubtful stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Tues, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins

☐ **KVETCH**: Steven Berkoff's trip into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 140mins

☐ **MURMURING JUDGES**: David Hare tackles our rotting legal system: gaps in the contest but a powerful bout.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 165mins.

☒ **PARTY TIME**: Dorothy Tutin and Barry Foster head a starry cast in new but short Pinter: tyrants drink while their opponents die. Not vintage but still with the power to chill. Preceded by *Mountain Language*.
Almeida, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

☐ **THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES**: Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300) Part 1. Mon, Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2. Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm. 150mins each.

☐ **THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN**: Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigamy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins

☐ **A SWELL PARTY**: Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins

■ **TARTUFFE**: Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

THE MIKADO: Jonathan Miller's staging of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in a glamorous Thirties "grand hotel" is one of the most enduring productions in the English National Opera repertoire. For its third revival, Richard Suart is Ko-Ko, Anne Collins plays Katisha, Rosemary Joshua is Yum-Yum, and Richard Angas plays The Mikado. Mark Shanahan conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm

TRISHA BROWN: The influential American post-modern choreographer brings her company to London for the first time in four years, with a programme that includes her three most recent works *For M.G.: The Movie* — her latest — and *Astral Convertible* and *Foray Forêt*, both created with her long-time collaborator, Robert Rauschenberg. Presented as part of Dance Umbrella, the company is at Sadler's Wells until Saturday (see feature, page 16)
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

CHICAGO: Paul Kerryson, the new joint artistic director at the Haymarket, and a dab hand at reviving musicals, directs *Chicago* by the long-established Broadway team of Kander and Ebb. A chorus girl's *crime passionel* is told through a series of vaudeville acts, and the hit numbers include "All That Jazz" and "Razzle Dazzle"
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 530021), 7.30pm

THE ANGELS WITH CLOSED EYES: Shoji Kokami's Third Stage Company, very popular with young Japanese audiences, brings a musical, futuristic show here as part of the Japan festival. Inspired by Wim Wenders's film *Wings of Desire*, the play is set in post-nuclear disaster age, and dramatises the life of a small town encapsulated in an invisible dome, watched over by angels
St Bride's Centre, Edinburgh (031-346 1405), 7.30pm

CHESNEY HAWKES: Teenage pop sensation of "I Am The One and Only" fame, gives a single London concert.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081), 7.30pm

MURRAY PERAHIA: The distinguished pianist continues his Mozart celebrations giving the second of three London concerts. Tonight's guests are soprano Arleen Auger (singing songs by Mozart); clarinettist Harold Wright and viola player Shmuel Ashkenasi (performing the "Kegelstatt Trio") and the Vermeer Quartet (playing the Piano Quartet in G minor, K478)
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT: Elizabeth Wallfisch directs the period-instrument ensemble in Rossini's String Sonata in B flat, Spohr's Double Quartet in E minor, and Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm

MOZART 200: The English Chamber Orchestra under Christoph Eschenbach performs music from the year 1788: Piano Concerto No 26 in D, K537; *Coronation*; Symphony No 40 in G minor, K550, Symphony No 41 in C, K551, "Jupiter".
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

JAPAN AND BRITAIN: AN AESTHETIC DIALOGUE, 1850 TO 1930: The effect of the opening-up of Japan on British art in the late 19th century is well known, through the work of Whistler, Rossetti and Beardsley. Much less well known is the effect that western art had on the Japanese. This show reveals the strength of the dialogue between the two cultures, and shows its effects continuing until the 1930s in areas such as ceramics, where it still persists.
Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (071-638 4141) Mon-Sat, 10am-6.45pm (Tues, 10am-5.45pm). Sun, 12-6.45pm, until January 12.

RICHARD DIEBENKORN: Diebenkorn has been most famous since he settled in Santa Monica for his long series of *Ocean Park* paintings, pale, exquisitely coloured abstractions which vividly evoke the geometrical roof-patterns and smog-diffused light of southern California.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 0107). Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until December 1.

One woman who said no

THEATRE

The Complete Casanova
Croydon Warehouse

THIS is the show which has caused a storm of moral outrage in Basingstoke: a board member of the Proteus Theatre Company which originated the production is reported as saying that one scene is so sexually explicit that it might cause elderly members of the audience to die of shock. All very good publicity for Croydon, I suppose, and quite preposterous, since this clever and enjoyable new play, written and directed by John Constable, is a wry study of sexual politics which focuses on one of the great Venetian rake's rare failures to get his oats.

We discover the fabled seducer (the sallow, fleshy-nosed Andy Lucas) at his toilette, facing what looks like a green-room mirror, used to clever effect within Elroy Ashmore's peeling rococo design, and reciting a list of conquests in the manner of Leporello in *Don Giovanni*. What follows, however, has much more in common with Luis Buñuel's film *That Obscure Object of Desire*.

Casanova (in London fleeing the Venetian authorities) is introduced to an up and coming young courtesan, La Charpillon, by his friend Sir Francis, and laid a wager that he can have his way with her. From the start the odds are stacked heavily (too heavily?) against him: La Charpillon is conspicuously available to everybody except himself; since this is to be a commercial transaction, it is difficult to see what glory resides in conquest.

I also think Constable plays his hand rather too obviously by making Casanova behave as crudely as any King's Cross punter when he believes he has paid enough for La Charpillon's favours. If Casanova really was this crude, how did he achieve so many uncommercial conquests? And his interest in philosophy and the occult, alluded to at the start, is promptly dropped.

But Constable is more interested in revealing the brutal power politics which underlie the 18th century game of seduction. Every woman has her price; men will behave like animals in pursuit of what they believe is their due; a woman's only recourse is skilful denial of her favours.

There is certainly some lively comedy along the way. Di Sherlock makes La Charpillon's mother, Rose Ansterger, both madame and whore, a splendid study in cut-price Gainsborough.

As La Charpillon herself, Harriet Eedle is pert and provocative enough to make Casanova's fascination with her almost credible. But there is an irony here: for all the reversal of expectations, and even of role, Charpillon remains a character defined by male criteria (as "the one that got away") rather than animated by her own motivation. But perhaps that is a cultural irony.

HARRY EYRES

MARILYN KINGWELL

Just a kiss: Casanova (Andy Lucas) and La Charpillon (Harriet Eedle)

Laurel Lefkow: strong playing of a gawky character

THEATRE

Slow Dance on the Killing Grounds
Greenwich

HERE are some simple rules for writing an American confessional drama. Arbitrarily and, if necessary, implausibly bring together two or three people with sensational secrets to hide. Establish a troubled and, if possible, a sinister atmosphere, with or without the help of lashings of alcohol. Encourage the characters verbally to fence with each other, dropping the occasional amusing one-liner as they do so. But always ensure that the assembled nerves, hearts and souls are painfully bared in time for the curtain. The more awful the sin, the more abject the guilt, the more fun it will be for the audience.

O'Neill, Miller, Williams and Albee have all played variations on this rough pattern, as have a score of minor dramatists. William Hanley is, sadly, to be counted in the second, lesser category. His play is honourably meant and, at times, pretty gripping.

But, for all the quirkiness of the characters and the undeniable strength of Lisa Forrell's cast, there is something self-conscious, calculated, and unreal about the enterprise as a whole. Whatever the substance that Hanley drip-feeds into his creation's veins, it is not quite blood.

The "killing ground" of the title is, unsurprisingly, New York City, specifically a dowdy store-cum-soda fountain in the Brooklyn of 1962. The first encounter is between the owner, David Burke's gloomy but benign Glas, and Stephen Persaud's Randall, a young black intruder as nimble with his tongue as with his feet.

One of these first trudges resignedly to and fro, stopping to describe how he and his fellow prisoners dealt with cannibalism in a Nazi concentration camp, while the other skips and skitters around, dressed in a *Clockwork Orange* rig, letting slip that his mother was a prostitute and that he himself has a criminal record.

A revolver and an icepick provide a little extra menace and tension; but the conversation between these two has well outstayed its welcome by the time Hanley introduces his third character, Laurel Lefkow's gawky Rosie, who just happens to have "lost my way" en route to a date with the abortionist. Her own revelations are rather disappointing. But she is in time to act as jury in a sort of ad hoc moral trial. Glas reacts to the accusation that he wears "a do-not-disturb sign around your neck" by owning up to evils perpetrated long ago; Randall makes a parallel confession; and, not before time, the play is done.

Hanley dates the piece precisely, on "the night of June 1st", just after the hanging of Eichmann. Clearly we are supposed to contrast his characters' anguished and forgiveable crimes with the German's cold and massive one; but how, why, and to what useful end? This is a play that has its arresting moments, but no overwhelming reason for existing in the first place.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DANCE

Russian State Ballet
Apollo, Oxford

DID you ever see a woman, standing behind a man, put her foot in the small of his back, seize his neck and pull his head backwards until she could kiss him? This eccentric expression of affection is one of the many bizarre moments in a duet from Igor Tschernishov's *Antony and Cleopatra*, which forms part of the programme of the Russian State Ballet now touring Britain. Equally odd is Vyatcheslav Gordeyev's choreography for *Paganini*, at one point of which the protagonist's violin is actually the leg of another man, wrapped around his upper body under cover of his cloak. That number, for no very obvious reason, is set to organ music by Handel.

The programme is a set of concert pieces; the nearest it comes to a real ballet is in a feeble adaptation of the *Walpurgisnacht* scene from Gounod's *Faust*, which used to be so seductive when the Bolshoi danced it long ago. No fear of anyone being overcome or offended with this cast: a stodgy heroine, a smirking Bacchus and a gang of apathetic revellers, perhaps reduced to that state by a Pan whose relentless prancing and posturing would be the death of any party.

The best of the short pieces is the *Nutcracker* adagio, stylishly danced by Iana Kazantseva and Andrei Riabov. But as various dancers go through extracts from other ballets (*Swan Lake*, *The Corsair*, *The Flames of Paris* and so on), a sadly homogenised manner becomes apparent, with the individuality squashed out of the choreography and people substituting their favourite steps.

There are a couple of rarities, with what is claimed as Petipa choreography from *Carnival in Venice* and Ponchielli's *Dance of the Hours*, but Gordeyev, the group's director, dances these in filleted versions showing the opening and the coda but omitting the solos from the middle. He was formerly a noted star of the Bolshoi but seems left with more flourish than virtuosity.

A surround with arches and foliage, into which different backdrops are fitted, is an improvement on the plain curtains often found with such ventures; but the music is all on tape.

JOHN PERCIVAL

RECITAL

Joanna MacGregor
Queen Elizabeth Hall

JOANNA MacGregor is a pianist whose main weapon is the rapier, not the hammer. She moves fast; she moves decisively; and she hits the target with a dangerous elegance, hinting at more force than she chooses to display.

This gave her immediate and fruitful access to the repertory of 20th-century music she chose for her no-nonsense recital on Sunday: Bartók and Ligeti in the first half, Boulez and Messiaen in the second. Her flickering speed, seeming to touch at each note with the least possible weight, was useful in the more mad-machine pieces from Ligeti's first book of studies, the ones which, like the opening "Désordre", are most closely descended from the pianola fantastications of Conlon Nancarrow.

At the other extreme of tempo, but just as rare in effect, the chords of "Regard du Père" from Messiaen's *Vingt regards sur l'Enfant Jésus* seemed to be brushed upwards by her fingers rather than placed down: there was a quite unusual strumming lightness here, a sense of the piano as harp rather than as the hybrid organ-vibraphone of most Messiaen performances.

This was, of course, as much a matter of rhythm as of finger pressure. MacGregor's assumption of pulse into a long, steely, flexible line is a jazz-like technique, and it brought a Broadway largeness not only to some of the Bartók pieces but also to Ligeti's bright fourth study "Fanfares". Even more remarkable was the corresponding fluidity she achieved in the second movement of Boulez's First Sonata, which was not an insistent toccata but rather a set of smooth strong curves, the individual notes less important than the continuity they seemed to be outlining. The first movement here was good too, with carefully placed pianissimos and a sense of capriciousness that was both exact and necessary.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FUSTILUGS
(a) A person, especially a woman, I regret, of gross or corpulent habit, from *fusty* stale + *lug* something heavy or slow: "Every love admires his mistress, though she be a vast virago, or a fat fustilugs."

FUSTIGATE
(b) To cudgel or beat, from the Latin *fustis* a cudgel: Carlyle, *The French Revolution*: "These serpent-haired Extreme She Patriots do now shamefully fustigate her."

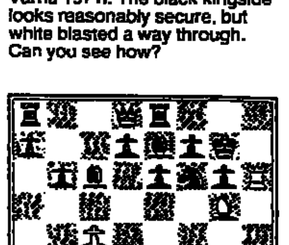
VAPULATE
(a) Either to flog, or, on the other hand, to receive a flogging. To the first person singular this absurd ambiguity might, one would have thought, be unwelcome some of the time, from the Latin *vapulare* to be beaten: "Blunders for which a boy ought to vapulate."

CRAPULOUS
(b) Suffering from the effects of intemperance in drinking, from the Greek *kraipale* drunken headache or nausea: "The crapulous eructations of a drunken cobbler."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Bobotsev – Kolarov, Varna 1971. The black kingside looks reasonably secure, but white blasted a way through. Can you see how?



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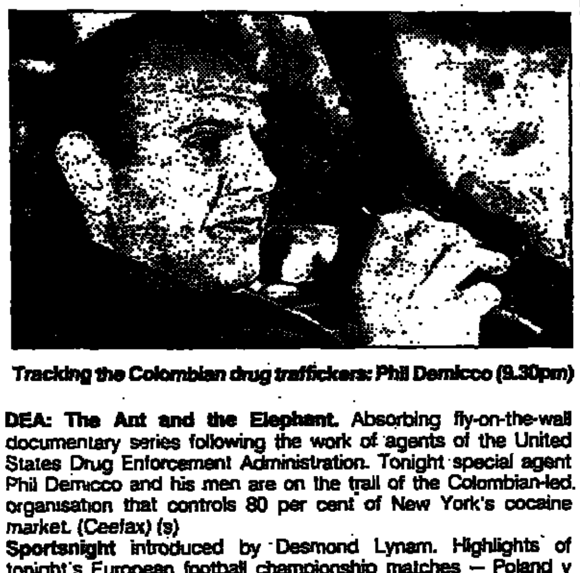
BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 Breakfast News begins with *Business Breakfast* until **6.55** when Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on happy families or feuds **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Bruno Loubet makes a savoury carrot cake
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) **10.25 Rupert the Bear.** Cartoon adventures of the hero of Nutwood, *narrated by Ray Brooks* (r) **10.35 Happy Memories.** Cliff Michelmore and Wendy Gibson help viewers to relive their memories with the aid of archive film and music
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Family quiz game presented by Mike Smith and Kate Copstick (s) **11.30 People Today.** Among today's topics is the role of a father during pregnancy. Includes **news,** regional news and weather at **12.00**
12.20 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers visits the 1991 Great Moscow Circus **12.55 Regional news** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Going for Gold.** The affable Henry *Kelly hosts another round of the European general knowledge quiz*
2.15 Hawaii Five-O. Classic police drama starring Jack Lord and James MacArthur. In this episode they investigate a rock star's hoax kidnapping that goes wrong (r)
3.05 Primetime introduced by David Jacobs and Sheila McClennon. The magazine series for the older viewer includes a visit to a pearly royalty festival; and advice on improving one's memory
3.50 Dooby's Duck Truck. Cartoon (r) **3.55 Bananaman.** Cartoon (r) **4.00 FLIP.** Comedy series (s) **4.20 The Chipmunks.** Cartoon **4.35 Hartbeat.** Wheelchair-bound artist Richard Lovett shows how he works with pastels; and sculptor Katie English produces plaster characters. (Ceefax) (s)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. Episode seven of the 18-part children's drama set in a north-east youth club. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan with Selina Scott. The guests are Bruce Forsyth with Rosemarie Ford, Jeremy Guscott and Steven Berkoff. Music is supplied by Michael Bolton (s)
7.30 Tomorrow's World presented by Howard Stableford, Judith Hann, Kate Bellingham and John Diamond. Includes reports from Dalby forest in Yorkshire on a designer home for bats and from India on how contraceptive vaccines could help family planning for cattle as well as humans. (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Spotlight
8.00 Specials. Lively and watchable drama about special constables in the Midlands. Anjali Shah investigates *the motive behind an Asian* woman being shot in the neck by an air rifle; Viv Smith meets a window cleaner with a lucrative sideline; and John Redwood is put in an awkward position when his son identifies one of the gang *who attacked him and left him crippled* two years ago. (Ceefax) (s)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Tracking the Colombian drug traffickers: Phil Demicco (9.30pm)

9.30 DEA: The Ant and the Elephant. Absorbing fly-on-the-wall documentary series following the work of agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Tonight special agent Phil Demicco and his men are on the trail of the Colombian-led organisation that controls 80 per cent of New York's cocaine market. (Ceefax) (s)
10.20 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Highlights of tonight's European football championship matches — Poland v England in Poznan; Scotland v San Marino at Hampden Park; Wales v Luxembourg at Cardiff Arms Park; and Denmark v Northern Ireland in Odense. Northern Ireland: Sportsnight from Northern Ireland **12.20am Weather**

BBC 2

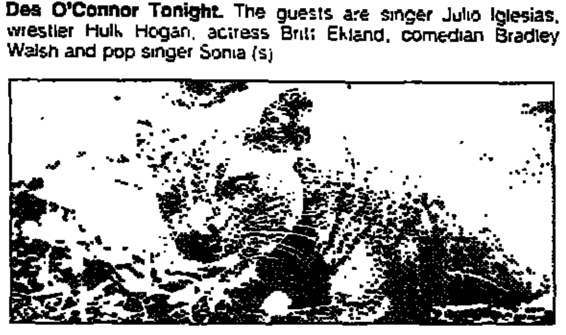
8.00 Breakfast News
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses
9.00 Daytime on 2: Tutorial Topics — New School **9.10** Stop and Think — Justice **9.30** Diez Temas **9.45** You and Me **10.00** Thinkabout Science **10.15** Search Out Science **10.35** Viewer reaction to schools programmes **10.40** Health education in Scotland **11.00** Words and *Pictures* **11.15** *English Time* **11.35** *Teaching Today* **12.05** TV6 — Roots in the Jungle **12.30** Lifeschool — careers: pressures at work **12.55** Espana Viva **1.20** Postman Pat **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair **1.40** Zig Zag — the Vikings
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me.** Series for four and five-year-olds **2.15 Two Points of View.** A look at the work of some of the Netherlands's top advertising photographers **2.35 Country File.** Robert Segar *reports on the monitoring procedure* used to test the quality of Britain's 6,000 rivers (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live,** introduced by Vivian White **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. *Word game hosted by Paul Cola*
4.30 Trivial Pursuit. Game show based on the popular board game, presented by Rory McGrath (r). (Ceefax)
5.00 Behind the Headlines. Susie Orbach chairs a discussion on euthanasia. Among those taking part is Ludovic Kennedy
5.30 Star Trek: the Next Generation. Patrick Stewart stars as Captain Picard, master of the starship *Enterprise,* in this adventure investigating a signal emanating from a supposedly *derelict battle* cruiser. (Ceefax)
6.15 Football. Highlights of the first half and live coverage of the second half of the vital European championship game in Poznan *between Poland and England, who need only one point to make it* to the finals in Sweden. Introduced by Desmond Lynam, with commentary from John Motson and Trevor Booking and studio comment from Jimmy Hill and Terry Venables. Wales: Bookmark *7.05* M*A*S*H
7.20 DEF II: Rough Guide to the World's Journeys. Magenta De Vine and Sankha Guha visit New Orleans via Nashville and Memphis. Wales: 7.30-9.25 Football: Wales v Luxembourg

Inventing reality: science fiction writer Stanislav Lem (8.10pm)

8.10 Bookmark: Stanislav Lem — Science and Fiction.
● CHOICE: This documentary about the Polish science fiction writer is a case of third time lucky. Twice before it has been scheduled, originally as long as a year ago, only to be pulled out at the last minute. It is probably worth the wait, though as Lem is not widely known here more background would have been useful As it is the viewer acquainted with Lem's work only through the film *Solaris* may find difficulty negotiating an elusive portrait which mixes interview with dramatised excerpts for his novels The main points, however, are clear enough. Lem trained as a doctor, was a *young man during the horrors of the second world war and* believes that reality is much richer and more fantastic than anyone than a writer can invent. Hence his attack on *Star Trek*, on BBC2 earlier this evening. Where, he asks, is the washing machine to keep all those sweaters clean or a barber to trim those fringes?
9.00 M*A*S*H. More black humour from the medics of the 4077th The pompous Charles is quaking in his boots at the thought of a visit to the dentist (r)
9.25 Children of the North. Episode three of the labyrinthine Northern Ireland thriller, adapted from the novels of M.S. Power. British Army intelligence officer Maltravers has been removed from his *post and replaced by Shrapnell, who is leading an undercover* operation against IRA activists using former SAS marksman Barton. Starring Michael Gough, Patrick Malahide and Jonathan Hyde. (Ceefax) (s)
10.25 Fifth Column. Patrick Robertson, secretary of the Bruges group, talks about his fears for Britain in Europe
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show: The de Kooning Affair. Art critic Matthew Collings details the controversy surrounding the most recent works of abstract expressionist Willem de Kooning, created under the shadow of Alzheimer's disease, yet still regarded as his most *important works to date (s)*
11.55 Behind the Headlines. A repeat of the programme shown at 5.00
12.25am Weather. Wales (to 12.50) M*A*S*H

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz game show hosted by Steve Jones **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . the Place. Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine presented this week by Derek *Jameson and his wife Ellen*
12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment
12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial (s)
2.20 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Highlands **2.50 Talkabout.** *Word game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor*
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama
3.55 Grotbags (s) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club.** Guest Michaela Strachan talks to Rolf Harris about violence in cartoons, and there is the first showing of *Monty Python* animator Terry Gilliam's cartoon *History of Flight* **4.40 Garfield and Friends** Cartoon (r)
5.10 Blockbusters General knowledge quiz *game for teenagers*
5.40 News with Carol Barnes (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with information about kidney donors
6.00 Home and Away *(r) (Oracle)*
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel waves his big red book at another unsuspecting worthy (s)
7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The guests are singer Julio Iglesias, wrestler Hulk Hogan, actress Britt Ekland, comedian Bradley Walsh and pop singer Sonia (s)



Unique: the fossa, Madagascar's largest predator (9.00pm)

9.00 Survival Special: Madagascar — Island of Ghosts.
● CHOICE Here is a classic wildlife dilemma The island of Madagascar can boast that 90 per cent of its animals and 80 per *cent of its plants are found nowhere else. More than that, new* plants and animals are still being discovered The film has little to say about the plants but includes much footage of the island's various species of lemur and mongoose, plus a bird or two and the remarkable ploughshare *tortoise The other side of the story is that* Madagascar is a desperately poor country and getting poorer To scratch a living the islanders are forced to cut down forests and set fire to the land to provide new pasture The main hope for the future is the country's untapped mineral wealth But mining it threatens further destruction of forests and wildlife The film sets out the rival arguments with clarity and fairness and backs them with the usual superb camerawork Ian Holm narrates (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastair Stewart Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 International Sport Special. World Championship Boxing: the *WBC featherweight title fight between the holder Carlos Villasana* of Mexico and Liverpool's Paul Hodkinson at the Maysfield Hall in Belfast The commentator is Reg Gutteridge with analysis by Jim Watt; European Championship Football: highlights of this afternoon's game in Istanbul between Turkey and the Republic of Ireland Alan Parry is the commentator
11.50 Film: Satan Never Sleeps (1962) starring William Holden and Clifton Webb Tedious drama, set in China during the late 1940s, about two Roman Catholic missionaries who defy the invading communist forces Directed by Leo McCarey, a sad end to a sparkling career
2.15am *America's Top Ten* *introduced by Tommy Puett (s)*
2.40 Videofashion. The latest fashions from around the world
3.10 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club quiz competition
3.40 Stand Up. A showcase for Britain's best young stand-up comedians
4.10 Motorsport Special from Thruxton
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w) Newsreel clips from November 1941
5.00 Witness to Survival. Two more stories of ordinary members of the public who survived against the odds
5.30 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Nicholas Owen
12.30 Business Daily. *The latest news from the world's money markets*
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Faith, Hope and Clarity. In the fifth of his ten-part series Ronald Eyre examines the role of prayer in spiritual life from two different perspectives. A Muslim viewpoint is offered by Dr Zaki Badawi and a Hindu by Mathoor Krishnamurti
2.30 Film: Three Came Home (1950, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert, *Patric Knowles and Florence Desmond. Stirring war drama based* on the story of Agnes Newton Keith, an American writer separated from her family when captured by the Japanese in Borneo in 1941 Directed by Jean Negulesco
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quickfire general knowledge quiz hosted by William G. Stewart (s)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guest is the 26-year-old Princess Stephanie of Monaco (s)
5.55 Willo the Wisp. Cartoon set in a magical forest
6.00 Kate & Allie. American comedy starring Jane Curtin and Susan Saint James as divorcées sharing single parenthood
6.30 *Tonight with Jonathan Ross.* *The guests are Kriss Akabusi and* Lisa Stansfield (s)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Party Political Comment *from a Liberal Democrat politician*
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 Travelog. Pete McCarthy with advice on the Bahamas for the independent traveller (s)
9.00 Dispatches.
● CHOICE: A cloak-and-dagger report from Switzerland alleges that the land of milk chocolate and cuckoo clocks is also where Saddam Hussein and other undesirables go for their weapons No one suggests that Saddam buys nuclear missiles off the peg. But it is claimed that the Switzerland is the loophole through which regimes seeking "dirty" weapons can evade western export controls. The report further alleges that Swiss firms have been illegally exporting nuclear technology to the Middle East A Geneva-based trading company run by Englishmen is said to be in the thick of arms deals, playing a key role in obtaining parts for the notorious Iraqi super gun. *But attempts to gain interviews are met* with a slammed telephone and a solicitor's letter. The Swiss are not best pleased at being branded a centre of the international arms trade, though there are moves to tighten up export controls

Drawing on memories of Salcombe: Ralph Steadman (9.45pm)

9.45 Snapshots: Ralph Steadman.
● CHOICE: The cartoonist Ralph Steadman launches a series of 15-minute personal essays in which well-known people revisit old haunts. Steadman goes to Salcombe in Devon, where he spent part of his national service as a radar operator in the RAF. He rather negates the purpose of the series by finding that there is nothing much left of the old days, which he did not enjoy very much anyway. What does remain is a fondly-remembered pub, now *"ponced up with plastic" Other contributors to the series include* Christine Keeler, Miranda Richardson and Bob Geldof. Let us hope that their snapshots are brighter and more positive than this disenchanted opener, though in Steadman's defence a quarter of *an hour is not much time to say anything very useful. His stay in* Salcombe was useful in one respect. He took a correspondence course in drawing, which helped to him to find his real vocation
10.00 The Golden Girls. Zippy comedy about the four Miami matrons with a zest for life. (Teletext) (s)
10.30 S & M. Comedy sketches starring Tony Slattery and Mike McShane (s)
11.00 Viz — the Documentary. A lively, tongue-in-cheek look at the extraordinary success of *Viz* comic. With contributions from Auberon Waugh, Keith Chegwin and Harry Enfield (r)
12.00 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. A repeat of the programme shown *at 6.30*
12.30am Film: Aradhana (1969) starring Rajesh Khanna and Sharmila Tagore. The season of popular Indian love stories continues with this melodrama about a young woman who is widowed when pregnant and then rejected by her parents and in-laws. In Hindi with English subtitles. Directed by Shakti Samanta. Ends at **3.30**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm Talkabout 2.20-3.55 Scottish Question Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.20 Hardball 1.15 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Film: Cactus Jack 4.20 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 11.50 Film: The Thief Who Came to Dinner 1.50 Night Heat 2.50 Film: Eyewitness" (Donald Sinden, Muriel Pavlow) 4.20 Special Squad 5.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

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As London except: 1.50pm Talkabout 2.20-3.25 Scottish Question Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Matlock 11.40 World Championship Boxing 12.40am Alfred Hitchcock Presents 1.10 Out of Limits 1.15 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Film: Cactus Jack 4.20 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.20am Hardball 1.15 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Film: Cactus Jack 4.20 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters

HTV WALES
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SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Talkabout 2.20-3.55 Scottish Question Time Live from the Commons 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Freumhan 10.40 Matlock 11.40 World Championship Boxing 12.40 Scottish Question Time from the Commons 1.45 Donahue 2.40 Film: Lola 4.35 Music Special 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
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TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters

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As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Up Country 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.20am Hardball 1.15 Donahue 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Film: Cactus Jack 4.20 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

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YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 The Equalizer 12.45am The Twilight Zone 1.30 Coach 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30 American Gladiators 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs *Pepperpot* 8.55 *Playabout* 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Dealer Channel 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One False *Move* 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 The Secret Video Show 8.00 Something Is Out There 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Night Court 11.00 The New Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 The Levkas Man 1.00am Pages from Skytext

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SKY MOVIES+
● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.*
6.00am Showcase, incl 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Eagle's Wing (1979) A renegade Indian and a trapper fight for possession of a magnificent white stallion
12.00 The Girl from Mani (1986) A Greek girl leaves her village to study in Athens
2.00pm Her Last Best Year (1990) *Drama about the relationship between a psychiatrist* (Mary Tyler Moore) and her terminally-ill patient (Bernadette Peters)
4.00 Teen Wolf Too (1987) Comedy about a teenage werewolf (Jason Bateman)
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Rockula (1990): A teenage vampire is unable to lose his virginity
8.00 A Green Journey (1990) A middle-aged schoolteacher discovers that her pen-pal is a priest Starring Angela Lansbury and Denholm Elliott
10.00 Pick-a-Flick: Viewers are invited to call 0898 500172 and vote for either Physical Evidence (1989), Dangerous Liaisons (1988): My Stepmother is an Alien (1988), Two Moon Junction (1989): In Bed with Madonna (1991): Working Girl (1988): or The Lair of the White Worm (1988)
12.05am Cover Girls (1984) A young girl becomes an international model
1.40 Wanted: Dead or Alive (1986) A mercenary seeks revenge against the terrorist who murdered his best friend
3.50 Gorillas in the Mist (1988). Sigourney Weaver stars as the anthropologist Dian Fossey. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Stranger's Hand (1954, b/w). A British spy disappears in Venice
8.15 Dark Command (1940, b/w) Western, starring Walter Pidgeon and John Wayne
10.15 Pitfall (1948, b/w): A married man has an affair Starring Dick Powell
12.00 How Green Was My Valley (1941, b/w) Life in a Welsh coal-mining town
2.15pm Island Sons (1987) Four feuding brothers search for their missing father
4.15 Robby the Rascal (1985) Cartoon
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 Ishtar (1987) Comedy, starring Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman
8.05 Punchline (1988) A medical student *and a housewife train* as stand-up comedians. Starring Sally Field and Tom Hanks
10.15 Apocalypse Now (1979): Francis Ford Coppola's Vietnam war drama
12.50pm A Cry in the Dark (1988) A dramatisation of Australia's "dingo baby" case Starring Meryl Streep
2.55 The Fringe Dwellers (1987) An Aboriginal family moves to an all-white neighbourhood
4.35 Patty Hearst: Her Own Story (1988). The true story of the kidnapped American heiress (Natasha Richardson) Ends at 6.20

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 The New Leave It To Beaver 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's Lucy 6.30 "F" Troop 7.00 McHale's Navy 7.30 The Addams Family 8.00 Till Death Us Do Part 8.30 Doctor, Doctor 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 Guys 'n' Dolls 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh In

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 Survival of the Fittest 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 NHL Ice Hockey 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Superstars 12.00 ATP Tennis Finals 2.00pm The Footballer's Football Show 3.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 4.00 NFL Follies 4.30 Netbusters 5.00 *International Football Special: Poland v* England, Scotland v San Marino 10.00 NFL American Football 11.00-3.00am Golf PGA Grand Slam

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Football Euro Goals Magazine 2.00 *Cycling Paris Indoor Highlights* 3.00 Kick-Boxing 4.00 Car Racing DTM Season Review 5.00 Wrestling 6.00 Benelux Sport Magazine 6.30 Eurolympics 7.00 Ladies Golf 8.00 Motor Cycling 8.30 Eurosport News 9.00 Eurotop Event Figure Skating 10.00 Basketball Euro Nations Cup — The Netherlands v Belgium 11.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Revs 8.00 Pilote 8.30 Volvo PGA European Tour 1991 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 International Gymnastics 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00pm Golf 2.00 Eurobics 2.30 European White Water *Rafting Championships* 3.00 Canada Cup Ice Hockey 5.00 Supercross 6.00 US College Football 7.00 Dutch Open Bowling Masters 8.00 All Japan F3000 Championship 9.00 USA PGA Tour 1991 10.00 *Johnnie Walker Golf Report 10.10 Winter* Sportscast — Olympics '92 10.40 Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout *11.25 Fashion File 12.00 Sally Jessy* Raphael 12.50pm What's New 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 A Week in the Life of . . 1.45 Afternoon Cinema Dinner at the Ritz 3.50 Tea Break 4.00 Dick Van Dyke 4.30 The Great American Gameshows 5.25 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Tchaikovsky (Polonaise, Eugene Onegin); Reger (Ballet Suite, Op 130)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Rossini (String Sonata No 5 in E flat), Scarlatti (Sonatas, in C sharp minor, Kk 247, and in A minor, Kk 109), Respighi (Suite, The Birds)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Elgar (Pomp and *Circumstance* March No 3 in C minor Op 39; Wand of Youth Suite No 1, Op 1a, String Quartet in E minor, *Op 83)*
9.35 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Addinsell (Warsaw Concerto, RPO under Atzmon, with Christina Ortiz, piano), Schütz (Weib, was weinest du, SWV 443, Ich beschwöre euch, ihr Töchter zu Jerusalem, SWV 339 Musicalische Compagney, Berlin), Beethoven (12 Variations on a Theme of Handel, WoO 45, Yo-Yo Ma, cello, *Emanuel Ax, piano),* Liszt (Overture and Scene 2, The Legend of Saint Elizabeth Budapest Chorus, Hungarian State Orchestra under Árpád Joo, with Sándor Sólyom-Nagy, baritone, Eva Marton, soprano); Glazunov (Sonata No 1 in B flat minor, Op 74, Leslie Howard, piano), Dvořák (The Golden Spinning Wheel, Op 109 Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik), Reich (New York Counterpoint, Michael Wright, clarinet); Stamitz (Organ Concerto No 1 in D Dvořák CO under Vladimir Válek, with Alena Veselá, organ)
12.10pm BBC Scottish SO under George Hurst performs Schubert (Entr'acte in B flat: Ballet in G, Rosamunde), Britten (Violin Concerto Ernst Kovacic)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from Broadcasting House, London Trio of London performs Mozart (Piano Trio in G, K 564), Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years *introduced by* John Steane. Recordings by four singers whose centenaries fall this year: the *Austrian soprano Lotte* Schöne, the Hungarian soprano Maria Ivogün, the Italian tenor Dino Borgioli and the Spanish tenor Antonio Cortis
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Chichester Cathedral
5.00 Music of the Pygmies
● CHOICE: There is nothing sophisticated about the musical instruments the *Bayaka tribe play in the* rainforests of the Central African Republic; saplings bent over into a hoop and plucked, bamboo flutes, and a percussion section consisting of two machetes struck with sticks. But the absence of orchestral sophistication is compensated for by the complex polyphony of the tribal songsters. Melodic lines overlap to create new rhythms and *melodies which the* singers then spontaneously develop. Louis Sarno has gone to live among the *Bayakans,* and his tape-recorder has yielded two fascinating programmes of which tonight's is the first
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Janet Alexander
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear. Robert Hewison talks to MPs Tim Renton and Mark Fisher about *their rival* strategies for the future of the arts in Britain
7.30 The Kingdom: Live from the *Philharmonic* Hall, Liverpool, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Vernon Handley and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir under Ian Tracey perform Elgar (The Kingdom). **8.30** Elgar and Academe (r). **8.50** *Part 2*
9.35 A Bill of Rights for Britain? Conor Gearty chairs a discussion on whether Britain should follow the American example and adopt a bill of rights
10.20 Edinburgh International Festival 1991: The Hebrides Ensemble performs Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Oliver Knussen (Cantata for oboe and string trio), Poulenc (Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano); John Bevan Baker (Duo for oboe and cello); Janáček (Concertino)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Bizet (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) ***6.30** Today,* incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News **9.05** Midweek
10.00-10.30am Wonderlandscapes (FM only)
● CHOICE: Michael Bakewell's six-part exercise in constantly detaching Lewis Carroll from the Rev Charles Dodgson and putting them *back together again, grows* more informative and entertaining by the week. When the series ends in three weeks, we will have learnt everything about Alice's twin fairy-godfathers except what size socks they wore. Episode three is the one we have been waiting for In it, *Alice Liddell,* Dodgson's "bright-eyed favourite", talks him into writing Carroll's *Wonderland and Looking Glass* (s)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible: Deuteronomy. Martin Jarvis reads the fifth book of Moses (final part)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby Spurrier samples new additions to the British breakfast menu, incl **11.00** News
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Mrs Donaldson at 60 The second of a four-part play by Constance Cox. *With Dulcie* Gray (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 *News; Shanti's Left Foot: The* last of three plays by Judy Leather. A 16-year-old Hindu girl is influenced by the *character of the disabled* painter and writer Christy Brown, portrayed by the actor Daniel Day Lewis in the film *My Left Foot* (s)
2.47 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen
3.00 News, File on 4 (r)
3.42 *Masterspy:* The last of three programmes in which Oleg Gordievsky, the KGB defector, talks to Michael Hartland
4.00 News
4.05 *Kaleidoscope Nigel Andrews* reviews the week's new films, including John Sayle's *City of Hope*, plus a report on the London Film Festival (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Moment Before the Gun Went Off, by Nadine Gordimer, winner of the 1991 Nobel Prize for Literature. Read by Deborah Findlay (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Not as Funny as it Used to Be A celebration of the 150th anniversary of *Punch* magazine (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Living with the Legend What Mother Never Told Us (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Enterprise '91 Awards: *Martin* Bangemann, European commissioner for the single market, presents the *Radio Times/Radio 4 Enterprise* '91 Awards (s)
8.45 The 1991 Reith Lectures: The Language of the Genes — A Message from Our Ancestors Dr Steve Jones, reader in genetics at University College, London, delivers the first of six talks on the new biological insight into humanity
9.15 The Art of Insult: Son of a Donkey-Cart Driver. In the third of six programmes *exploring the tradition of* verbal abuse in cultures past and present, Attila the Stockbroker visits the Arab world (s)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime Fluke, by James Herbert Read by Peter Kelly (1 of 5)
11.00 Indian Tales of the Raj Serving the Sahibs Five programmes in which Indians recall working for the colonial British Narrated by Roshan Seth
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies says Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Johnnie Walker Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Nigel Dempster 9.30 Mark Wynter 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Gyles Brandreth 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Back to Square One Quiz 7.30 Donte's Latin Music Show 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel Ogden The Organist Entertains 9.30 Teddy Johnson *Reminiscing . . Songs from the* cinema 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service *6.30 Morning Edition* 9.00 Schools Topic Resources, 9.15 Dance Workshop: 9.35 Verse Universe, 9.45 Time and Tune: 10.05 Drama Workshop 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with This Family Business 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News Update *1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide* Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service Discovery: 3.05 Outlook, 3.30 Keep to the Path, 3.45 Good Books 4.05 Development 91 4.35 Five Aside 6.45 The Sniff Stones 7.00 Champion Sport European Football Extra. Poland v England, Scotland v San Marino, Wales v Luxembourg 10.00 News, Sport 10.10 Hit the North, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 *Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips für Touristen* 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours Live, News Summary 7.30 Development 91 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Mediawatch 8.30 Where in the World 9.00 World News 9.05 World Business Report Live 9.15 Country Style 9.30 After the War was Over 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 *Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Midi* 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 World News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 New Ideas 12.35 A Small Matter of Taste 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook Live 2.30 Off the Shelf: The Sign of Four 2.45 Good Books 3.00 World News 3.15 Mediawatch 3.30 *It's a Funny Old World 4.00 World News* 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World News and Business Report 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 BBC English 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News and Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 *Europe Tonight* 9.00 Newshour 10.00 World News 10.05 From Our Own Correspondent 10.20 Sports International 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.05 World *Business* Report 11.15 Good Books 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am It's a Funny Old World 1.00 World News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.45 The Farming World 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk

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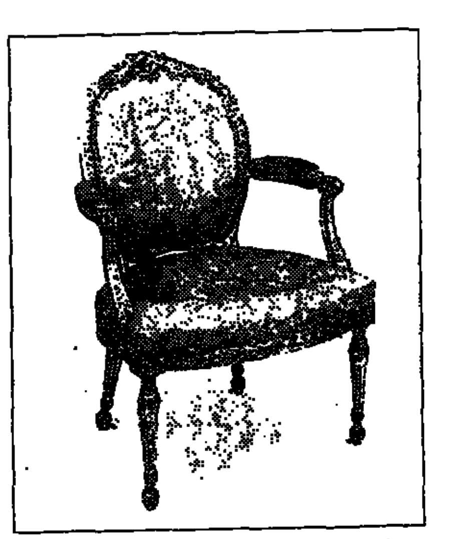

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Sheriff resigns over fraud enquiry

By Craig Seton

THE first Asian to be appointed sheriff of Nottingham resigned yesterday after police launched an investigation into alleged financial irregularities involving community projects with which he is connected.

Shaukat Khan, a *Labour* member of Nottingham city council, stood down from his duties as sheriff after it was announced that he had been suspended from his full-time job as a youth and community worker on Nottingham county council's Pehchan project. Mr Khan's suspension is pending the outcome of the enquiry by Nottinghamshire police fraud squad officers. He has worked on council community projects for more than 15 years.

Mr Khan, aged 41, a Muslim, was appointed in May to the office of sheriff, which dates back almost 1,000 years. *The fraud squad investigation*, which began on Monday, is into Asian cultural organisations which are funded both by the city and county councils. Mr Khan is secretary of one of the cultural organisations.

A police spokesman said the enquiry was into alleged financial irregularities in the handling of grants paid by the two Labour-controlled councils for cultural projects. Before *his* resignation, Mr Khan, said: "There's nothing to hide. The books are there and in order."

In a letter of resignation to Ted Cantle, the chief executive of the city council, Mr Khan said: "In view of the recent allegations and in*vestigations by the police* concerning grants to Asian cultural organisations, I wish to offer my resignation from the office of sheriff.

"I understand that it is for the full council to consider this letter, but in the meantime I would wish to stand *down immediately from* the duties of the office. I am taking this course of action as I do not wish the office of sheriff to be harmed in any way as a result of the allegations and investigations."

At the time of his appointment, Mr Khan said it was an *honour because it reflected* the racial harmony of Nottingham. "I know the sheriff is traditionally a Christian, but the fact I am a Muslim will help Nottingham become even more racially integrated," he said.

PHIL LENG

Riding high: Dave Garbett, a sky surfer from Walsall, West Midlands, performing stunts at 10,000ft. Mr Garbett, a student aged 20, dives out of aircraft and "surfs" down their slipstreams, doing somersaults, loops and twists at over 100mph, before parachuting to the ground

Fowler challenges rebels on Europe

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form Group, said it could lead to a "bloodbath". Reform group members are now being "whipped" to support Mr Cash, *who has also* been endorsed by the right-wing 92 Group of backbenchers.

Downing Street said last night that Mr Major had not spoken to Sir Norman nor suggested that he stand, but the former minister — who has already been signed up to work closely with Mr Major during the election campaign — is seen as the prime minister's candidate. Mr Tebbit said during his television interview yesterday that that was a "great pity".

"I think backbench committees are best in the party when they are operated under the chairmanship of real backbenchers, not recycled cabinet ministers," he said. "It is a great pity in that Sir Norman is being seen as the prime minister's man and the whips' office candidate."

Mr Tebbit, who last year *failed to* mobilise a big revolt against the government on citizenship for people from Hong Kong, said that he had been under great pressure to stand against Sir Norman, but added: "I did not want to do that. I did not want to pick a *quarrel with him. Just think of* the damage if I had stood against Fowler and won. That would not have helped the prime minister at all."

However, Mr Tebbit was openly critical of the prime minister's stance, saying: "What is the government's *aim at Maastricht? Is it to take* us along the road towards a federal Europe, hoping we will never get there? Or is it to take us along the road to a single currency which means we effectively lose our Chancellor of the Exchequer? I am not sure what the government *wants out of this conference* except an agreement."

In another interview, Mr Tebbit hinted that he might vote against the government after next week's debate, saying it would be unwise to force people like him into a corner.

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Prince praises EC role

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after a delay of seven months in the hope that it would cooperate. The prince made his remarks, which touch on the heart of the controversy, as he was presented with an award by the European Environment Bureau, *an umbrella body for* non-governmental environmental organisations.

He said: "I think it is important to recognise that in many areas of environment policy, the European Community, as the only body in the world with a supranational authority to legislate to protect the environment, is ahead of the world."

Britain strongly resists any increase in the commission's powers or the introduction of majority voting on environmental issues. But Mr Major conceded on Monday in his Guildhall speech that this was one area where "it may make sense to extend the competence" of the EC.

The government agreed only reluctantly to the establishment last year of a European environment agency.

Vichy death list of Jews located

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were used to detain the men, women and children and to escort them to holding camps in and around Paris, from *which tens of thousands were* packed into railway cattle wagons and dispatched to the nazi death camps.

While the Germans made frantic efforts to destroy incriminating material about the French Jews as the allied troops advanced on Paris, an *underground network of Jewish* activists managed to save Gestapo archives containing files on the transport of Jews to Auschwitz and other death camps. After the war, repeated attempts to locate this and other material that might shed light on the crimes committed *against* French Jewry appear to have been obstructed.

On at least one occasion the secretary of state responsible for former soldiers denied categorically that his ministry held the index that has now been found. "To refuse access to documents that show the origins of a tragedy *that has so* scarred our country ... was already regrettable," M Klarsfeld commented angrily in yesterday's *Le Monde*. He added: "Knowingly to deny their existence seems quite inexcusable."

The contents of the index, it has emerged, were being used to provide information on pension payments. To researchers still working in this area, the new evidence does more than strengthen the case against someone like M Bousquet. Until very recently, M Klarsfeld *has observed*, the French preferred to cling to the fiction that war crimes in their country were all committed by nazis like the late Klaus Barbie (whom M Klarsfeld and his wife tracked down and helped bring to trial in Lyons).

● **Official sacked:** The French *government* yesterday fired an immigration official who criticised Islam as "archaic" in a book, *On Islam in General and the Modern World in Particular*, which sparked protests from the Muslim community. The government said Jean-Claude Barreau was dismissed *to avoid any impression that* his book reflected official thinking. *(Reuter)*

Political sketch

Wraps come off Major redesign

AT PRIME minister's ques*tions* yesterday, *MPs* examined two new products recently launched on the British market: the new Rover 800 Sterling, designed and built in Cowley; and the new Tory PM, designed in Brixton, assembled in Huntingdon, and modified at Westminster, with Downing Street alterations to exterior trim.

"Increased presence", "a more robust style," were among the media plaudits: "part of a policy to make the product stand out". Were we talking about the latest prime minister or the latest Rover?

"... A taller, more rounded boot, giving more space, together with new bumpers." Some of us were *quite content* with Mrs Thatcher's bumpers, and admired her boot ... "A much stronger contender in a fiercely competitive market". We shall see.

It had fallen to Andrew Smith (Lab, Oxford E) to question the new Tory leader about the new Rover saloon. "Will the prime minister join with me," asked Smith, "in congratulating the workers, trades unions and *management on the* launch of the excellent new car?"

The Tory Leader Mark II was happy to do so. "I congratulate Rover on the splendid new product. I have been an owner of Rover cars for many years. I am sure it will be very successful."

High praise indeed — and from a distinguished commentator. House of Commons sound archives record the commendation, but unfortunately House rules forbid their use for commercial purposes. But might a cas*sette recording be pirated by* the ad men and turned into an advertising rap for the new Rover?

I have in mind a technique with which readers will be familiar, described in the audio business as "sampling". A word or phrase is *extracted and worked into* the sound-track, repeated and repeated, producing a mindless, robotic effect.

Imagine the video: Moving pictures of the new Rover — perhaps with an erupting volcano and blazing haystacks in the back*ground — fill the screen. To* the accompaniment of a screaming electric guitar, Mr Major's classless accents are heard: "*Congratulate ● congratulate ● congratulate*" (the Rover roars across the screen) "*I ● I ● I have been the owner ● owner ● owner*" (rocks and lava spew from the volcano; the Rover skids backwards in rewind mode across the picture) "*I am sure it will be very ● very ● very succes ● ces ● ces ● full*" (flames shoot from a haystack, alternating with a still shot of Mr Major's face, the camera zooming into and away from his left nostril) "*very ● very ● very ● splendid ● I have been ● successful*" (Rover roars past, forwards) "*successful ●* " (Rover roars past, backwards) "*successful*".

You think this unlikely? As Mr Major was endorsing the Rover, yesterday's papers were reporting a judicial ban on a rap record featuring Neil Kinnock. *Apparently an outfit* called Verbal Vandalism had hoped to flood the Christmas market with something they called the Rhondda Rhant Rhap. It applied the "sampling" technique to a taped row between the Labour Leader and James Naughtie, presenter of *The World at One*.

"During the interview," says *The Daily Telegraph*, "Mr Kinnock, who has given away *autographed copies*, and appears on the sleeve with a scrubbing brush on his head, said 'I don't give a sod about the politics'."

Mr Kinnock did not have a scrubbing brush on his head yesterday when he cross-questioned the prime *minister* about Maastricht, which was a pity as it might have lent some vestige of interest to the encounter.

This, in summary, consisted of the Opposition Leader saying to the prime minister "you've got problems"; the prime minister *replying* "no, I haven't"; and his supporters shouting (at Mr Kinnock) "so have you". It went on for some time.

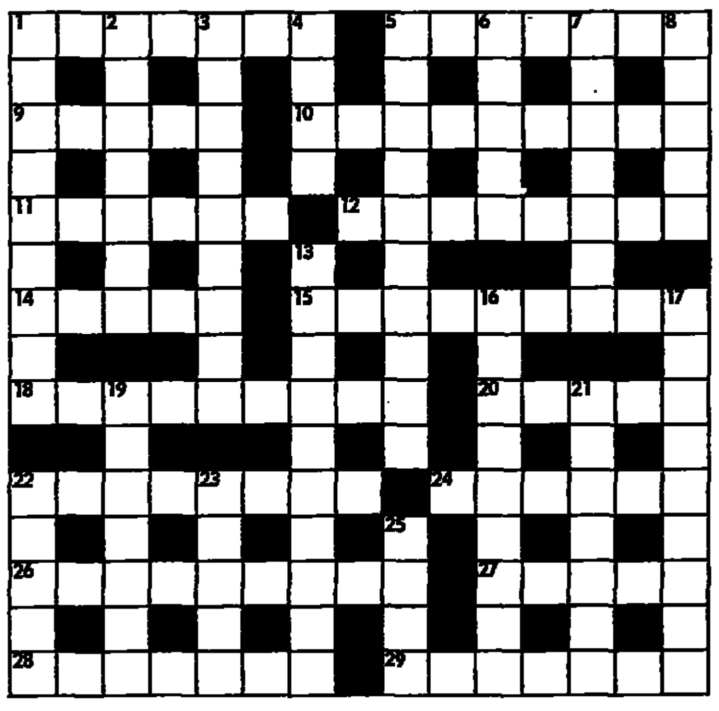
Eventually, relief came in the form of a statement from Mr Major about the Nato summit. Lacking shorthand, I wrote down "*JM: Nato, blah, Yugoslavia, blah, Soviet Union ... economic reform, blah. Nato remains the cornerstone, blah, blah, USA, Canada, blah, etc.*

"*NK: Multifaceted risks of the future (???) taking account of Norwegian concerns ... seek to take new advantages of the opportunities (!!) ... replace the peace of tension with the peace of cooperation (yuk)*".

Yuk ● blah ● yuk.

Matthew Parris

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,762



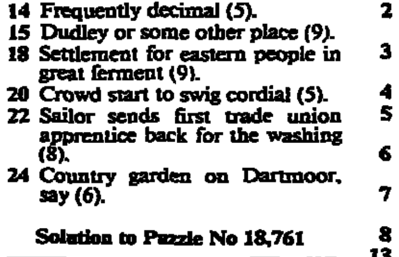
ACROSS

1 Shy, though sounds belligerent? (7).
5 See many a delinquent lad placed here (7).
9 Powder for a blusher? (5).
10 Did the original Diana come from this old kingdom? (9).
11 Smoothly accommodating the archdeacon in the diocese (6).
12 He's hated writing three articles about those people (8).
14 Frequently decimal (5).
15 Dudley or some other place (9).
18 Settlement for eastern people in great ferment (9).
20 Crowd start to swig cordial (5).
22 Sailor sends first trade union apprentice back for the washing (8).
24 Country garden on Dartmoor, say (6).
26 Paul, for example, always carries a gun (9).
27 Is the lady right to turn things inside out? (5).
28 Doorkeeper lets in a divine little chap (7).
29 Insisted on being given the iron treatment (7).

DOWN

1 Don't allow the Church to take a dodgy loan in Spain (9).
2 He learns a medical specialism under the boss (7).
3 Mercenary used to get fish in the country (9).
4 Gait is uneven but not stiff (4).
5 He is qualified to dispense a centilitre right away (10).
6 Younger son Edward and Bill raised (5).
7 Touching point for a brown man (7).
8 Play daughter to god? (5).
13 Sad arrest of such a worker (4-6).
16 Change wheels before you get abroad (9).
17 Thought man rude, it could be (9).
19 *Went to Monte Carlo, maybe*, and got better (7).
21 Talk giving publicity to women's wear (7).
22 Expert has characters taped (5).
23 *Add on nearly everything to get* the sum (5).
25 Disease said to take hold (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,761



Concise crossword, page 21

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

FUSTILUGS
a. Fatty
b. Coarse clothing
c. Jug-eared

FUSTIGATE
a. To ban or send down
b. To beat
c. To sterilise

VAPULATE
a. Be licked
b. Be damned
c. Be indecisive

GRAPULOUS
a. Costive
b. Hung-over
c. Worthless

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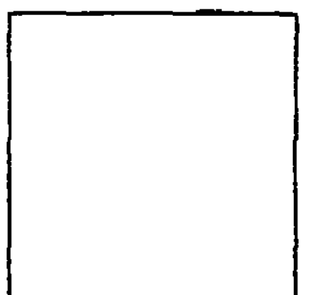

THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS

CHAMBORD

COMPLIMENTS OF HENRI WINTERMANS

WEATHER

Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain and also snow on high ground. Sheltered eastern areas should have some dry, bright spells. *Over Wales and the rest of England, there will be* sunny spells and blustery showers. The best of any sunshine will be in the east, while the most frequent showers will be in the south and west. All parts will be very windy. Outlook: rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle, fg=fog, s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	c	Majorca	19	66	s
Akrotiri	23	73	f	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	21	70	f	Malta	19	66	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Athens	20	68	s	Miami*	24	75	s
Bahrain	27	81	s	Milan	9	48	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	1	34	sn
Barbads*	29	84	f	Moscow	2	36	c
Barcelna	16	61	s	Munich	7	45	c
Beirut	24	75	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
Belgrade	11	52	s	Naples	15	59	s
Berlin	7	45	c	N Delhi	18	64	f
Bermuda*	25	77	f	N York*	7	45	c
Biarritz	19	66	s	Nice	16	61	f
Borde'x	*16*	*61*	*f*	Oslo	6	43	s
Brussels	7	45	s	Paris	8	46	d
Budapst	4	39	c	Peking	15	59	s
B Aires*	16	61	c	Perth	20	68	c
Cairo	24	75	c	Prague	6	43	f
Chicago*	3	37	d	Reykjavik	3	37	f
Ch'church	15	59	s	Rhodes	20	68	s
Cologne	*8*	*46*	*s*	*Rio de J*	*25*	*77*	*f*
C'phagn	8	46	s	Riyadh	31	88	s
Corfu	18	64	s	Rome	15	59	s
Dublin	9	48	r	Salzburg	6	43	f
Faro	19	66	s	S F'nsco*	17	63	s
Florence	5	41	f	Santiago*	23	73	s
Frankfurt	7	45	c	S Paulo*	26	79	f
Funchal	*19*	*66*	*f*	*Seoul*	*10*	*50*	*f*
Geneva	10	50	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Gibraltar	18	64	f	St'kholm	6	43	f
Helsinki	4	39	s	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Hong K	21	70	s	Sydney	24	75	s
Innsbrck	7	45	f	Tangier	21	70	s
Istanbul	16	61	f	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Tokyo	15	59	s
Karachi	32	90	s	Toronto*	5	41	f
L Palmas	23	73	f	Tunis	18	64	s
Le Touquet	9	48	s	Valencia	16	61	s
Lisbon	14	57	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	t
Locarno	9	48	c	Venice	9	48	f
London	10	50	c	Vienna	7	45	s
L Angels*	18	64	s	Warsaw	5	41	r
Luxembg	6	43	fg	Wash'ton*	8	46	c
Luxor	28	82	s	Wel'nton	16	61	s
Madrid	10	50	s	Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2 29	2 14
Austria Sch	21 40	19 90
Belgium Fr	62 65	58.65
Canada $	2 13	1 97
Denmark Kr	11.79	11 04
Finland Mkk	7 45	7 00
France Fr	10 36	9 66
Germany Dm	3 035	2.835
Greece Dr	369 00	324 00
Hong Kong $	14 35	13.35
Ireland Pt	1 135	1 065
Italy Lira	*2290 00*	*2140 00*
Japan Yen	247 50	228.50
Netherlands Gld	3 415	3 195
Norway Kr	11 94	11 14
Portugal Esc	261 00	243 00
South Africa Rd	5 15	4 55
Spain Pta	189 50	176 50
Sweden Kr	11 14	10 39
Switzerland Fr	2 675	2 505
Turkey Lira	8900 00	8100 00
USA $	1 87	1.74
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40 00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 09C (48F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 06C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 1 13 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.2	0 02	7	45	sunny
Anglesey	5.2	0 06	10	50	sunny
Aviemore	0 7	0 49	3	37	snow
Bournemouth	-	0.28	10	50	shower
Bristol	-	0.26	11	52	cloudy
Buxton	0 5	0 50	5	41	cloudy
Cardiff	0 1	0.24	9	48	cloudy
Clacton	-	0 13	9	48	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	4 4	0.26	9	48	sunny
Cromer	-	0.24	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	3.8	0 18	8	46	bright
Eastbourne	-	0.51	11	52	rain
Exmouth	-	0.10	10	50	shower
Folkestone	-	0 81	11	52	rain
Glasgow	4 0	0 72	7	45	shower
Hastings	-	0.37	10	50	rain
Jersey	-	0.40	12	54	rain
Leeds	1.9	0 14	8	46	bright
Manchester	1.3	0 32	8	46	shower
Minehead	0.3	0 17	10	50	cloudy
Newcastle	5 8	0.09	8	46	sunny
Newquay	-	0 04	11	52	cloudy
Penzance	0 9	0.38	11	52	shower
Plymouth	0 2	0.28	11	52	cloudy
Poole	-	0.32	12	54	shower
Salcombe	-	0.31	11	52	rain
Sandown	-	0.47	9	48	cloudy
Scarborough	3 6	0 01	9	48	bright
Scilly Isles	0 8	0 18	11	52	shower
Shanklin	-	0 48	9	48	rain
St. Ives	0.2	0 11	11	52	bright
Stornoway	2.5	0.19	6	43	hail
Swanage	-	0.26	10	50	shower
Teignmouth	0 1	0 12	11	52	shower
Tiree	3 7	0.37	7	45	hail
Torquay	-	0.38	12	54	cloudy
Worthing	-	0 52	10	50	rain

Monday's figures are latest available

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Isles 12C (54F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 03C (37F); highest rainfall: Folkestone, Kent, 0 81 in: highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 7.4 hr

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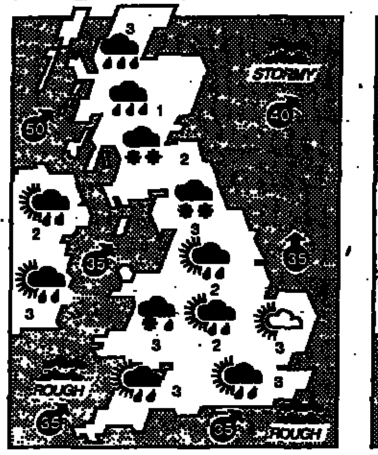
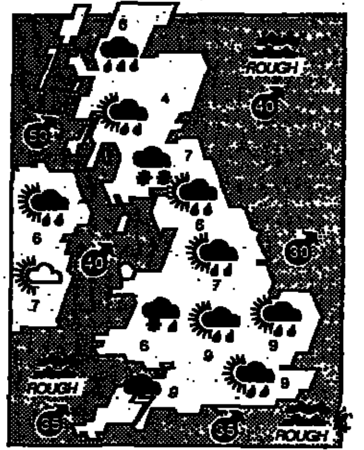


PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.15 pm to 7.16 am
Bristol 4.25 pm to 7.26 am
Edinburgh 4 10 pm to 7 46 am
Manchester 4.16 pm to 7.32 am
Penzance 4 41 pm to 7 33 am

Sun rises: 7.14 am
Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon rises 12.39 pm
Moon sets 10.19 pm
First quarter tomorrow

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 09C (48F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 02C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0 16 in. Sun. 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	r	Guernsey	10	50	f
B'rmgham	7	45	c	Inverness	8	46	s
Blackpool	7	45	f	Jersey	9	48	f
Bristol	10	50	c	London	10	50	c
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'nchster	7	45	c
Edinburgh	8	46	s	Newcastle	6	43	f
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nldsway	9	48	r

LONDON

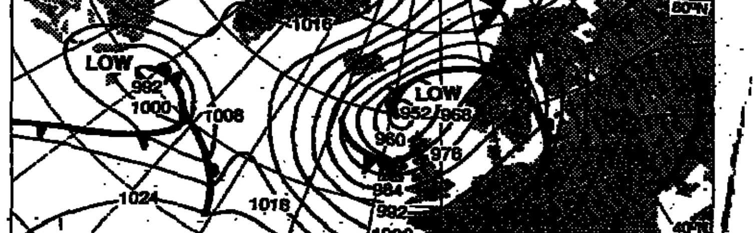
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); *min 6 pm to 6 am, 04C (39F). Humidity*: 6 pm, 91 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0 05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 987.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.18	6.2	5.58	6 1	Liverpool	2.48	7.6	3.08	7.8
Aberdeen	5.26	3.5	5.18	3.6	Lowestoft	12.43	2.3	2.03	2.1
Avonmouth	10 41	10.3	11.04	9.9	Margate	3.22	4 3	4 04	4.1
Belfast	2.58	3.0	3 10	3.2	Milford Haven	10.03	5 6	10.26	5.2
Cardiff	10.26	9.7	10.49	9.3	Newquay	8.58	5.7	9.22	5.3
Devonport	*9 10*	*4.8*	*9.36*	*4.5*	*Oban*	*8.35*	*3.2*	9.36	3 0
Dover	2.33	5.8	2.56	5.4	Penzance	8.18	4.8	8.46	4.5
Falmouth	8.40	4 6	9 08	4 3	Portland	9.57	1.8	10.21	1 4
Glasgow	4 12	4.2	4 32	4.5	Portsmouth	3.17	4 2	3.23	4.0
Harwich	3 07	3.5	3 45	3.4	Shoreham	2.38	5.2	2.54	5 0
Holyhead	2.05	4.5	2.19	4.7	Southampton	2.42	3 8	2.48	3.8
Hull	10 12	5 8	10.10	6.1	Swansea	10 04	7.8	10.24	7.4
Ilfracombe	9.38	7 4	9.59	7 0	Tees	7.51	4 3	7.59	4.5
King's Lynn	10.22	5.1	10.20	5 3	W'ton-on-Nze	3.04	3.7	3.45	3.5
Leith	6.43	4.5	6.53	4 5					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

NOON TODAY



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TODAY IN BUSINESS

HEALTHY

Anita Roddick, managing director of Body Shop, now has more than 700 shops. They generated pre-tax profits of £9.1 million in the latest half year.
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BAD NAME

Co-ownership, time ownership, and group ownership are all timeshare underneath. Regulation of the timeshare industry is still being tightened
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NO LET UP

Theft, fraud, and arson, helped to push General Accident to insurance losses of £429 million. Investment income of £342 million was not enough to match the losses
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First signs of an improvement in the property market have been spotted by **Richard Peskin**, chairman of Great Portland Estates
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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7750 (+0.0065)
German mark
2.9003 (–0.0036)
Exchange index
91 2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1984.9 (+12.9)
FT-SE 100
2575 5 (+20.6)
New York Dow Jones
3051 65 (+9 39)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24667 73 (+434.74)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base. 10½%
3-month Interbank 10⅝-10¹¹⁄₃₂%
3-month eligible bills 10-9³¹⁄₃₂%
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 4⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4 64-4 62%*
30-year bonds 102¹⁄₁₆-102⅛*

CURRENCIES

London:
£ $1 7720
£ DM2 9025
£ SwFr2 5747
£ FFr9 9135
£ Yen229 74
£ Index 91.2
ECU £0 704723
£ ECU1.419997

New York:
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$ SwFr1.4510*
$ FFr5.5900*
$ Yen129.60*
$ Index 63.4
SDR £0.780646
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London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing.
AM $355.10 pm $354.75
close $355 20-355 70 (£200 40-200 90)
New York:
Comex $355 85-356 35*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) $21.30 bbl ($21 50)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI. 134 6 September (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

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Why ICI deal floundered

Big generators demand steep rise in prices

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITAIN'S biggest generators have vigorously rebuffed charges that electricity prices in the pool, or spot market, are too high.

National Power, the biggest generator, said it would have lost £500 million last year it if had sold all its power at pool prices. Even after increases of up to 33 per cent in pool prices during the past year, half the company's power stations would be uneconomic if they received only pool prices for their output, according to Colin Webster, National Power's commercial director.

The generators are able to make profits because all but a tiny proportion of sales are at higher prices under long-term contracts with big power buyers. The generators insist that pool prices, which, at an average 2.1p a unit, are up to a third below contract prices, must rise much more to cover the cost of fuel and building plants. But a number of large industrial customers, which enjoyed subsidies pre-dating privatisation of the electricity industry until April, have been hard hit by pool price increases and fluctuations.

According to sources at PowerGen, Britain's second biggest generator, the power bill of Imperial Chemical Industries may have doubled since the breakup of the former state-owned Central Electricity Generating Board two years ago. PowerGen estimates that ICI received a subsidy worth £25 million to £30 million a year under the old regime. Both PowerGen and National Power insist, however, that large industrial customers, which may now be disadvantaged against European rivals that use subsidised power, should address their concerns elsewhere. Mr Webster said: "There is nothing we can do about it. If they want a subsidy, they must ask the government and the European Commission."

PowerGen is understood to have discussed selling 350 megawatts of capacity at its Ince oil-fired power station in Cheshire to ICI in an effort to ease the chemical company's difficulties at its nearby Runcorn works. The proposal was intended to enable ICI to avoid the government's nuclear levy and some of the additional costs of access to the National Grid transmission system.

The idea floundered, however, after legal advice indicated it was not likely to be accepted by Professor Stephen Littlechild, the director general of electricity supply, who has the obligation to ensure the development of a competitive electricity market. The Major Energy Users Council, a pressure group that includes ICI, has suggested to ministers and regulators that a monopolies enquiry and the breakup of the largest generators, may be needed to correct deficiencies in the power market.

Webster: wants reform

The generators are keen to see flaws in the plant scheduling mechanism addressed. One recent spike, when prices hit 16p a unit for three half-hour periods of peak demand, cost PowerGen nearly £1 million because it had to buy from the pool to fulfill its contracts.

National Power believes these problems can be resolved by improvements to the pool mechanism being developed by the pool executive committee. But PowerGen and ICI have submitted evidence to an enquiry being held by Professor Littlechild that more fundamental reform is needed.

The companies are pressing for the "uplift" charge, which underwrites the cost of plants needed only at periods of peak demand, to be abandoned. The costs should be subsumed within the charge levied for connection to the grid system, they say.

This reform encourages companies to build their own power plants, by reducing the burden of support for the coal and nuclear industries. These costs add 20 per cent to industrial power bills, Mr Webster said. Both generators reject charges that they have manipulated pool prices. "We would not mind a monopolies commission enquiry," Mr Webster added.

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Factory gate inflation falls to 22-month low

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

FACTORY gate price inflation in Britain last month slowed to its lowest since January 1990, according to government figures which John Major hailed as "very good news indeed".

The prime minister told the Commons at question time the data indicated the "continuing collapse of inflation", which could only help competitiveness, economic growth and the creation of jobs.

Despite the slowdown in producer prices, and the expected drop in retail price inflation to a sub-German level in data published this Friday, City economists believe the current weakness of the pound will prevent Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, from sanctioning a fresh cut in interest rates.

While the 0.2 per cent rise in October braked the annual increase in factory gate prices on domestic sales to a provisional 5.2 per cent, from 5.6 per cent in September, manufacturers saw the price of fuel and raw materials pick up after five months of declining prices. Unadjusted input prices rose 0.6 per cent, after falls of 1.4 per cent and 0.1 per cent in August and September.

This allowed an annual decline of 1.7 per cent in input prices, after a 3 per cent drop in September. The latest figures prompted concern that the benefit of lower fuel and raw material prices could be disappearing as the economy starts to recover.

The Treasury has sought to focus attention on factory gate prices, excluding food drink and tobacco, as the best guide to core inflation. It dropped from an annual 4.7 per cent in September to 4.2 per cent in October, the lowest for more than four years.

City economists remain divided over the significance of this measure. Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, notes that over the past six months, it has been running at an annualised 3.5 per cent, the rate Mr Lamont last week said he expects to reach at the end of 1992. Mr Skeoch believes it more likely that this measure will be showing 2.5 per cent by the end of next year, suggesting the Chancellor might be seeking to understate inflation.

Chris Dillow, of Nomura Research Institute, questions the value of factory gate prices as an inflation yardstick, given that manufacturing represents only a fifth of the British economy. "Producer price inflation is not underlying inflation," he said.

The Treasury said the slowdown in annual factory gate price increases was in line with Mr Lamont's inflation forecast in the autumn statement last week. The sharp falls in output price inflation "should feed through into further falls in underlying retail price inflation over the coming months," a spokesman said.

Market forecasts centre on retail price inflation decelerating to an annual 3.5 per cent in October from 4.1 per cent in September, taking it below German headline inflation for first time in almost 30 years.

Help arrives for jobless directors

By Our Industrial Editor

IN A clear sign of just how hard the recession is hitting, the Institute of Directors today becomes the first employers' body in Britain to offer outplacement services — in non-jargon terms, what to do if you get dismissed — to company directors.

The institute — described yesterday as a trade union for directors — normally functions as in part a lobbying body on government and in part as a social club for business leaders. But from today the number of companies either going out of business or dismissing even their most senior staff because of the recession has led the institute to the position of offering special help to directors who have been "outplaced".

Outplacement agencies are often used by companies seeking to "downsize" their senior

Morgan: "urgent need"

staff numbers — "sculpting" employment numbers was the latest euphemism coined yesterday for redundancies — but the institute's move is thought to be the first time that such agency provision is being made available for individuals.

In association with Pauline Hyde and Associates, a leading outplacement agency, the institute will offer a range of services to dismissed directors including job search facilities, counselling, advice on personal development and "active assistance in progressing their careers".

Companies that are in trouble will also be able to use the institute's new services, including those that might well lead to outplacement for some, such as voluntary redundancy and what the institute describes as "positive retirement schemes".

Peter Morgan, the institute's director-general, said: "The recession has created an urgent need to extend practical help to directors experiencing job losses or requring advice as the direction of their businesses change. As Britain moves out of recession, outplacement and business-change counselling will continue to be relevant."

Hard estimates are elusive, but executive job placement agencies believe there are thousands of senior executives being thrown out of work by the recession.

Most of them stay out of work for four or five months, although in the longer term, all but an unhappy 2 per cent manage to find other jobs.

Pauline Hyde, head of the Pauline Hyde agency, said yesterday: "Directors who have lost their jobs are often reluctant to market themselves. They really want someone to come rushing after them offering them a job. But they have to learn to be proactive." She said that many sacked directors believed they would get the first job that came up, and much of the work of an outplacement agency was in trying to maintain their confidence when they did not.

Mrs Hyde said that her own agency had dealt with 261 senior executives since January — more than five times the rate a headhunter might reckon a good year's work.

JAMES GRAY

Head for heights: Lord King showed confidence in BA by increasing the dividend

BA surprises with £185m

By Martin Waller

BRITISH Airways has surprised the City with far better interim figures than expected, sending its share price soaring and sparking suggestions that it exaggerated the threat earlier this year to its transatlantic routes from the big American carriers.

Pre-tax profits were £185 million in the half year to end-September, down from £320 million but well ahead of forecasts. The shares jumped 19p to 221p on the news.

Analysts were particularly encouraged by a 7.3 per cent increase in profits in the second quarter to £176 million. Lord King, BA chairman, conceded that although disappointing the profits were better than anticipated.

He said the outlook for the British and American economies remained uncertain. "Our own results for the year will depend on the timing of the economic recovery in the major markets we serve."

The interim dividend is increased from 2.8p to 2.94p, a reflection of the first-half performance and the company's confidence in its prospects, said Lord King.

Figures since the half-year end indicate a further improvement with passenger traffic in October ahead of the corresponding month last year. But Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive, said that the recovery was from a very low base.

At the end of the first half, BA had cut employee numbers by 4,600 to 48,000, offsetting a substantial pay increase. The company was on target to cut £265 million a year off costs, and further savings of £150 million were planned next year.

The company is remaining tight-lipped about suggestions of an eventual merger with another European carrier, although persistent speculation suggests that some kind of link-up with KLM, the Dutch airline, is imminent. Lord King commented: "You never really know whether you have a romance that's worth discussing until you've been to the altar."

He also fielded questions on allegations that BA was biased against the European Airbus. BA merely bought the aircraft that suited its bottom line, its routes and its pocket book, he said.

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Tories softer on wage bargain talks

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE government may be interested in a significant change of economic direction by accepting a role for greater co-ordination in wage bargaining as a way of controlling inflation and producing jobs.

Advisers close to John Major believe he may be prepared to endorse greater co-ordination of wage bargaining if he wins the election.

Though the Conservatives under Margaret Thatcher were strong advocates of greater decentralisation in pay bargaining, organisations in favour of greater co-ordination of pay have been given indications that Mr Major may be ready to make a move away from this. While more coordinated pay is still more likely under a Labour government, the interest in greater co-ordination among Conservatives is understood to be far from extinguished, with government advisers and some Treasury officials said to be in favour of more co-ordination.

A possible way forward was indicated yesterday by the National Economic Development Council, the government's tripartite economic agency. Dr Walter Eltis, NEDC director general, said that planned discussions between employers and unions on inflation could be part of the pay bargaining process.

At a conference in London yesterday, Dr Eltis significantly chose a discussion on greater co-ordination in pay bargaining to suggest that the talks formed a middle way between the increased decentralisation of pay bargaining and more centralised, coordinated management of the economy and especially pay.

He said that the results of such an exercise in establishing accurate inflationary expectations would be attractive even to those in favour of decentralised bargaining. "If employers and unions presented agreed economic statistics, and some of their implications, these could become part of the commond ground in pay bargaining."

Those in favour of more coherent pay bargaining and economic management regard Dr Eltis's speech as significant support for their views.

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Marshalls profits down £2m

By MARTIN BARROW

MARSHALLS, the building materials manufacturer, saw pre-tax profits fall from £9.21 million to £7.13 million in the half-year to end-September, with depressed demand continuing to affect margins.

Earnings slipped from 4.43p a share to 3.35p but the company, which is based in Halifax, Yorkshire, is again holding the interim dividend at 1.25p a share. The shares rose 2p to 89p.

Andrew Marshall, chairman, said depressed trading conditions continued in Britain and America, with little sign of an improvement. Turnover fell from £104.56 million to £97.91 million and operating profits from £12.21 million to £9.94 million. Interest charges held steady at £2.8 million (£3 million).

Concrete and stone volumes were only slightly reduced, while clay products showed a significant increase, but heavy price competition reduced profits from last year's levels.

Mr Marshall gave a warning that the second half would be difficult, not helped by political uncertainty in the approach to the general election. "I expect it to be well into 1992 before there is any real sign of an upturn," he said.

GPE sees signs of rally in business property market

By MATTHEW BOND

RICHARD Peskin, chairman of Great Portland Estates, said the first signs of an improvement in the property market were becoming evident.

"While tenants continue for the time being to hold the whip hand in negotiations for space, particularly in the City, I have detected a slight improvement in demand over the last two months for properties in our traditional area north of Oxford Street," he said.

The small to medium sized businesses that dominate that area have been particularly hit by the recession, but the rate of bankruptcies and non-renewals of leases is now beginning to slow, said Mr Peskin. "We have let 25,000 sq ft in the last three months and a further 10,000 sq ft have gone under offer in the last two to three weeks."

Mr Peskin unveiled a modest rise in interim profits at GPE, Britain's sixth largest property company. In the six months to end-September, pre-tax profits rose 2.2 per cent to £17.5 million. The dividend stays at 3.4p.

The improvement followed a 20 per cent rise in rents received to £33 million, helped by a full half-year contribution from the properties bought from Sears for £68 million 11 months ago, and the letting of new developments. The Sears portfolio also contributed £1 million of trading profits in the first half.

The rise in rental income was countered, however, by an increased net interest bill, up from £6.9 million to £11.38 million, following a fall in the level of cash deposits. Mr Peskin added that GPE's vacancy rate had risen to 7 to 8 per cent, compared with 3 per cent at the year end.

GPE could return to the acquisition trail soon, having raised £100 million through the issue of a 30-year debenture, which, together with £85 million of unused facilities, gives the company "plenty of ammunition to take advantage of today's market".

The debenture documents revealed that the properties charged to the issue and to other GPE debentures had fallen in value by 6.5 per cent since the year end. Mr Peskin warned shareholders that although these properties accounted for 45 per cent of GPE's investment portfolio, the fall in value could not be taken as representative of the company's total assets.

Lease of life: Richard Peskin found rise in GPE lettings

Leigh up 6% at halfway

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE waste disposal sector, a one-time stock market favourite, failed to find any comfort in the results from Leigh Interests, which reported a modest 6 per cent increase in interim profits one year after the ambitious acquisition of HT Hughes. Pre-tax profits reached £7.12 million (£6.72 million) in the six months to the end of September.

The earnings per share, however, fell from 8.9p to 7.7p, diluted by a rights issue in February and shares issued to acquire HT Hughes for £33 million. But the interim dividend is increased from 2.40p to 2.46p.

Malcolm Wood, the chairman, said that he was confident new operational facilities would produce "strong growth in earnings just as soon as the recession ends". The shares fell 4p to 280p on the news, compared with a 12-month high of 350p in March.

Profit growth was curtailed by the recession in the South, which accounts for 25 per cent of turnover.

In addition, Leigh paid £990,000 in interest, compared with a credit of £913,000 last time. Sales rose from £46.28 million to £58.86 million, but margins were eroded by a decline in demand for landfill waste disposal services.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Trading breaches hurt Fox contract turnover

TURNOVER on contracts traded on the screen-based system of the London Futures and Options Exchange (Fox) plummeted last month after discovery of breaches in trading practices, according to figures issued by the London Clearing House. The discovery led to the resignation of the exchange chairman and the chief executive. Fox paid £228,055 to boost interest in its new contracts for property, rice and metal index futures.

The property futures market was closed on October 2, turnover in the metal index contract dropped to 1,058 lots in October from 7,404 in September and rice futures were untraded in October, after having been largely ignored the previous month. Screen contracts not implicated in the trading practices disclosure performed better.

Waverley assets fall

WEAKER mining markets clipped the net asset value at Waverley Mining Finance from 30.6p to 23.7p per share between March 31 and September 30. The pre-tax loss for the six months to end-September was £107,267, compared with a £135,544 loss previously, and reflects the high level of interest paid, low dividend receipts and reduced underwriting income.

There is again no interim dividend. The shares fell 8p to 33p. The asset distribution at September was Australasia 52.7 per cent, North America 48.8 per cent, and Britain 9.7 per cent.

L&OF rises to $1.2m

LONDON and Overseas Freighters, the oil tanker operator, increased pre-tax profits from $1.11 million to $1.24 million in the six months to end-September, helped by steady tanker markets and reduced interest costs. The sterling equivalent at the average exchange rate ruling during the period showed a rise from £625,000 to £736,000.

Profit on trading slipped from $1.69 million to $1.66 million but net interest payable was reduced from $595,000 to $393,000, so profits at the pre-tax level rose 15 per cent. Earnings were 9.95 cents a share, up from 8.68 cents. The company does not pay an interim dividend.

Shirt factory to close

COATS-Viyella, the clothing and textiles group is to close a shirt factory in east Belfast by Christmas with the loss of 350 jobs. Employees at the Welch-Margedson factory in Castlereagh Road were told yesterday that it would close within the next few weeks.

Coats-Viyella bought the factory from the Aitch Holdings group only two years ago. It manufactures shirts and ties mainly for Marks and Spencer. The Welch-Margedson subsidiary also operates a plant in Londonderry employing 600 and another in Ayrshire, but it is not thought that these are affected by the Belfast closure.

Meyer buys for £7m

MEYER International, the builders' merchant, has bought an American distributor with nine branches in Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas for a little under £7 million.

Richard Jewson, Meyer's chairman who yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £16.5 million (£25.8 million) for the six months to end-September, on sales of £566.7 million (£593.5 million), says the acquisition of CDI should be earnings positive in the current year. Meyer is holding its interim dividend at 4.2p a share, covered 3.1 times by net interim earnings of 12.9p a share.

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Barings to buy into Dillon, Read

By JONATHAN PRYNN

BARINGS, the City merchant banking group, is to take a 40 per cent stake in Dillon, Read, the Wall Street investment bank, in a $26 million deal.

In addition, Barings is to subscribe $52 million in preferred stock in Dillon, Read. The investments are to be financed through a placing of 40 million 9¾ per cent preference shares at 100p, fully underwritten by Cazenove.

The investments provide part of the finance for a management buyout of Dillon, Read from the Travelers Corporation. The remaining 60 per cent of the ordinary shares of Dillon, Read are being taken up by directors and management.

Peter Baring, the chairman of Barings, said: "The proposed transaction will create an important partnership between ourselves and Dillon, Read. The two firms are compatible in activity and philosophy, placing a like value on independence and integrity; they are also geographically complementary. They will be strengthened by their new relationship."

Dillon, Read specialises in corporate finance, its largest single source of profit, as well as capital markets, and management of venture capital and buyout funds.

Once the transaction has gone through, Mr Baring and Andrew Tuckey, who is the deputy chairman of Barings, will join the board of Dillon, Read Holdings. John Birkelund, the chairman of Dillon, Read, will join the board of Barings.

Baring: compatible

Germany plans investment tax

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERMANY is to try once again to raise much needed revenue by introducing a limited tax on investment income.

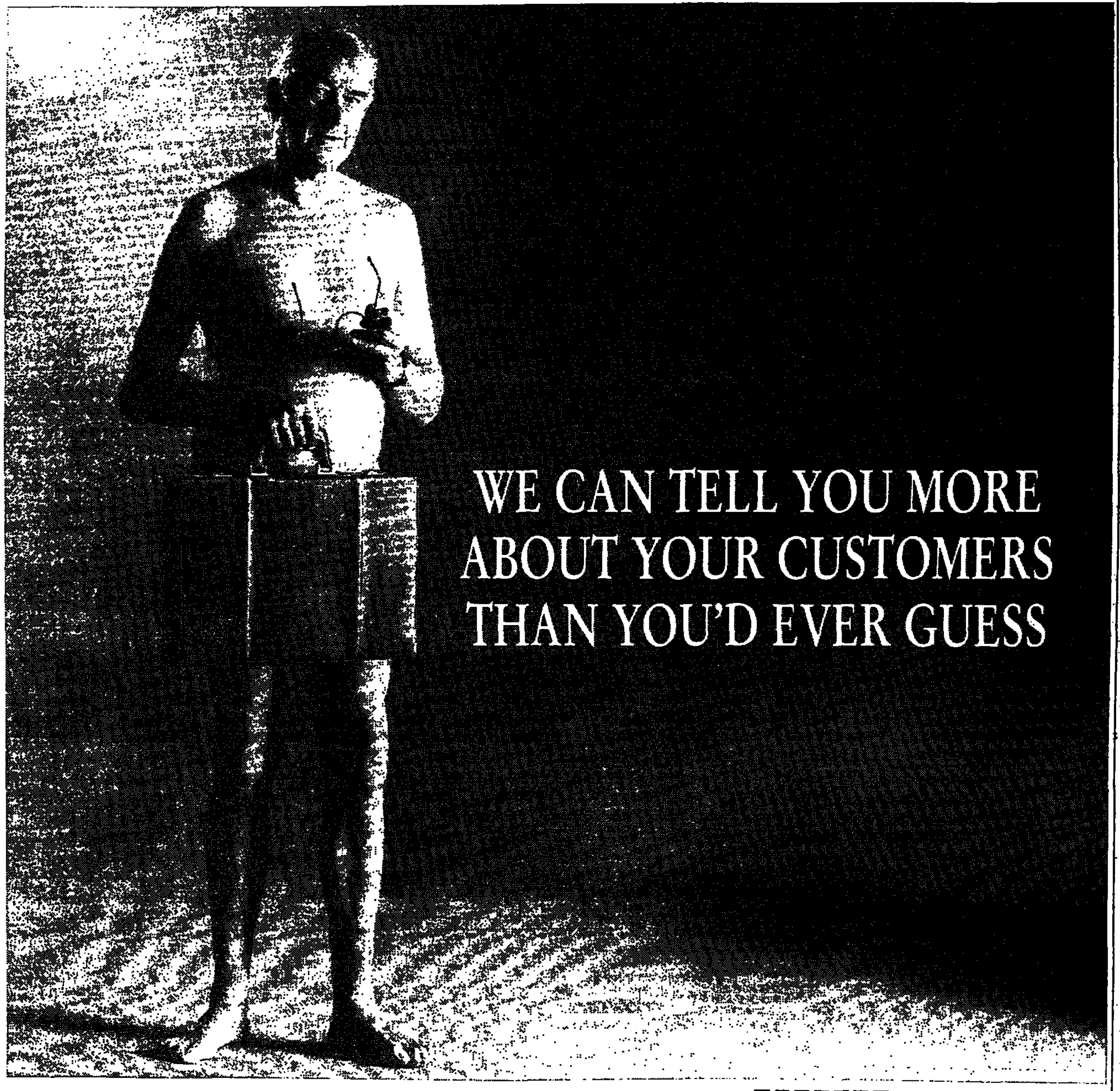
The proposal will exclude all foreign investors and over 80 per cent of domestic savers but the government hopes it will raise enough to avoid further tax increases to pay the ever-growing eastern German restructuring costs.

The scheme announced yesterday means that from January 1993, banks will withhold 25 per cent of all interest on savings over DM6,000, or on DM12,000 for married couples. The finance ministry believes this will prevent the tax avoidance and capital outflow that marked the first attempt to introduce a similar tax in 1989.

That abortive system, cancelled after only six months, required banks to withhold 10 per cent of all interest payments. The result was that the private sector reduced domestic bond purchases by DM18 billion and increased foreign bond purchases by DM41 billion. Government debt rose and interest payments on it rose by more than the amount of revenue raised by the tax.

A further system of tax based on voluntary declarations was ruled unlawful by Germany's constitutional court last summer.

The new system is meant to come in alongside a controversial package of value-added tax increases. Between them they are intended to raise enough to more than offset the loss of revenue from the 7.5 per cent income tax surcharge, introduced for a year to fund unification costs and which ends next summer.



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Lamont to launch BT pathfinder

By MARTIN WALLER

A POTENTIAL 3.5 million new investors in British Telecom will today learn details of the forthcoming government shares sale with the publication of the pathfinder prospectus.

The document, to be launched by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is likely to be deliberately vague about the exact number of shares to be issued and the amount to be raised, although government advisers have indicated that the intention is to dispose of about half the 49 per cent of BT remaining in state hands.

The government is keen to maximise the revenue from the sale and will not decide until the last possible moment just how much it will sell. The pathfinder, therefore, is expected to set a target figure, probably of more than 1.3 billion shares against the government's 2.9 billion holding, while stating that this figure could be increased.

At yesterday's share price, up 4p at 376p, the initial target figure would probably raise about £5 billion, but government advisers are keen to increase this to as much as £6 billion.

Part of this increase would be achieved by the so-called over-allotment provisions already announced, whereby the government makes available another £400 million of BT shares if needed a month after first dealings, but the balance could come from raising the number of shares to be sold initially. A firmer picture will be available on so-called Discount Day, when the discount at which shares will be sold is revealed, but advisers were making it clear last night that a decision will not come until firm bids are invited from City institutions, just days ahead of the expected start of trading on December 10.

General Accident nine-month loss grows to £128m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

GENERAL Accident, the Perth composite insurer, has produced another grim set of quarterly figures but has claimed that the company's performance continues to show slow improvement.

Pre-tax losses for the nine months to end-September were £128.7 million, compared with a £71 million deficit for the same period last year. The loss for the third quarter was £26.2 million against £28.2 million in the second quarter and £74.3 million in the first three months of the year. Net assets per share at November 8 were 353p, up from 330p at the 1990 year-end. The worldwide solvency margin has fallen from 47.5 per cent to 45.5 per cent.

Total global underwriting losses for the nine-month period were £429.1 million, up 41 per cent, compared with investment income of £342.6 million, a 12 per cent improvement.

Nelson Robertson, the chief general manager, said that the "painfully slow pace" of economic recovery continued to affect United Kingdom underwriting through crime-related losses such as theft, fraud and arson.

The increase in unemployment also hit the creditor and mortgage insurance business, he said.

The UK motor account produced third-quarter losses of £28 million, with a sharp rise in the frequency and average cost of claims compared with the same period of last year.

The deficit on the home-owners account was up at £34.5 million including £30 million of subsidence losses. However, the UK underwriting results had shown improvements in each of the last three quarters, Mr Robertson said, and he expected the trend to continue.

Underwriting losses in America in the third quarter rose from £17.6 million to £31.8 million, but Canada has pegged its nine-month losses at last year's level, while the Pacific region and continental Europe, other than the UK, showed reduced deficits. The nine-month loss from NZI Bank, which is now being wound down, were £0.5 million (£9.3 million).

Mr Robertson said that the group continues to introduce higher premiums wherever possible and "will not be deterred by any consequent loss of volume".

Premium income for the third quarter was £853.1 million, down 3 per cent on the previous quarter.

Chris Pountain, an analyst at Morgan Stanley, said that despite the heavier overall nine-month loss, 1991 should mark the bottom of the insurance cycle, barring unforeseen disasters such as another wind-storm. Mr Pountain is forecasting General Accident's 1991 loss at £149 million with a held dividend, followed by a deficit of £69 million for 1992.

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Robertson: continuing trend

Royal Insurance confirms talks

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ROYAL Insurance, the hard-hit composite insurer, has confirmed that it is in talks with two leading continental European insurance groups about taking a 15 per cent shareholding in the company. The announcement followed a 10p rise in the share price yesterday morning on reports of the share stake discussions. The companies are AMB Aachener und Munchener Beteiligungs (AMB) of German and Fondiaria of Italy.

According to the Royal statement, the talks "may or may not lead to an investment by AMB and Fondiaria in a convertible instrument convertible in total into approximately 15 per cent of Royal Insurance's enlarged share capital". Royal said the discussions are still at an early stage.

Royal, which is chaired by Sir John Cuckney, already has a long-standing relationship with AMB in which it has had a stake since 1972. The holding was 18.8 per cent last year. AMB has a 0.61 per cent stake in Royal. The link with Fondiaria is more recent, dating back to 1990, when Royal acquired 90 per cent of Lloyd Italico, a Fondiaria subsidiary.

The City sees this as a move to strengthen the balance sheet and as an alternative to a rights issue. The shares have fallen by almost 40 per cent since January.

Insurance analysts are bracing themselves for another poor set of figures tomorrow when Royal announces its nine-month results.

Royal is the market leader in mortgage indemnity insurance, the latest class of insurance business to plunge deep into the red. Forecasts for Royal's nine-month loss range from £140 million to £215 million and a dividend cut is seen as increasingly likely.

Under scrutiny: Chris Greentree, chief executive of Lasmo

Lasmo seeks shareholder consent for Ultramar bid

By MARTIN BARROW

LASMO, the oil and gas company, will today ask shareholders to approve the £1.16 billion hostile takeover bid for Ultramar amid growing concern about its own track record.

Chris Greentree, chief executive of Lasmo, is, however, expected to face scrutiny from shareholders concerned by Ultramar's charges that their company has been weakened by "relentlessly rising" finding costs and high production costs, and that debts that have risen by a net £1 million a day this year.

The extraordinary meeting has been convened in London today to approve Lasmo's one-for-one share exchange offer for Ultramar, the diversified oil company. The bid, launched in mid-October, was timed to take advantage of growing institutional concern about Ultramar's strategy and financial performance.

Ultramar's defence, initially unconvincing, moved up a gear after the resignation of John Darby as non-executive chairman and his replacement by Michael Beckett, formerly a non-executive director.

Since then, Ultramar has moved on to the offensive, attacking Lasmo's own record over the past 10 years. In a document sent to Lasmo shareholders, Ultramar said that Lasmo had increased annual expenditure on exploration and appraisal by 170 per cent to £104 million over five years but over the same period lifted the annual increase in reserves by just 10 million barrels of oil-equivalent to 35 million barrels. Lasmo's finding costs were estimated at £2.24 per barrel, compared with 91p at Ultramar, whose advisers say Lasmo's capital commitments at December 1990 were £578 million, representing more than 60 per cent of shareholders' funds.

Lasmo said yesterday that by the first closing date its offer had attracted acceptances in respect of 2.33 million Ultramar shares, representing 0.63 per cent of the company.

Jean Gaulin, chief executive of Ultramar, said the level of acceptances was "lamentable". Lasmo's shares rose 3p to 314p yesterday, while Ultramar also rose 3p, to 347p.

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Maxwell disposal raises $157.5m

By ANGELA MACKAY

MAXWELL Communication Corp has sold Macmillan Computer Publishing to Paramount Communications for $157.5 million cash, taking the value of disposals since Robert Maxwell's death to $422.5 million (£238.8 million).

Macmillan Computer Publishing, which produces books and software for both retail and professional markets, includes Que, the best-selling computer book imprint. MCP, which produced annual sales of $59.7 million and operating profits of $17.5 million before interest for the year ended March 31, was sold at a considerable discount to the book value of $189.4 million.

Kevin Maxwell, Mr Maxwell's son and successor as chairman of MCC, has been assuring bankers that the company is on track to meet interest commitments, and the clinching of the sales of the computer books business yesterday and Berlitz last Thursday ensures that more than half the next debt repayment is already in the kitty.

Speculation that Maxwell Communication is considering passing its interim dividend when it releases half-year results in two weeks is of concern to the Maxwell family's bankers, who believe the family is dependent on the dividend to meet its debt repayments. The family controls about 63 per cent of MCC and 51 per cent of Mirror Group Newspapers.

Maxwell Communication closed 3p lower yesterday at 65p while Mirror Group Newspapers ended 2p higher at 116p a share.

Paramount intends to wrap MCP into Simon and Schuster, its publishing operation, which is already produces computer books and manuals through Brady Books.

MCC was advised on the deal by Goldman, Sachs & Co. the American investment bank, to which the Maxwell family owes $60 million.

Goldman Sachs has stakes of just under 4 per cent of Maxwell Communication and almost 10 per cent of Mirror Group Newspapers after accepting the shares as collateral for the loans.

Racal and Siemens in joint bid

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

RACAL Radio, the communications manufacturer, and Siemens Plessey Defence Systems, the defence electronics company, have joined forces to bid for a large British defence contract to supply the next generation radio communications system for the army, in a deal that could be worth up to £1 billion over a number of years.

The defence ministry issued an invitation to tender for project Bowman on October 31. Project Bowman comes in two parts: a project definition stage, which will include demonstration and trials and might be awarded to more than two bidders, and a final production stage. The aim is to produce a complete integrated combat radio system of up to 60,000 radios.

Siemens Plessey Defence Systems, formed after the GEC/Siemens takeover of Plessey in 1989, and Racal Radio, a subsidiary of Racal Electronics, have formed a company, Yeoman, for this purpose.

Siemens Plessey and Racal Radio said their proposed system will be designed, developed and manufactured in Britain. The system will provide so-called electronic protective measures (EPM) communication for voice and data for use on the battlefield.

Foster's tries to head off battle for board control

By OUR CITY STAFF

ELEVENTH-hour talks were held yesterday to try to avoid a public battle for board control at the overnight annual meeting of Foster's Brewing.

Attempts at a compromise began on Tuesday. Nobby Clark, Foster's chairman, is believed to have been in local talks, while John Elliott, Foster's deputy chairman and head of International Brewing Holdings, its main shareholder, was reported to be in Japan trying to persuade Asahi Breweries, the second largest shareholder with 19.9 per cent, to back IBH's plan to demerge the group.

This involves setting up a second company to hold Foster's poorly performing non-brewing assets in an effort to improve Foster's share price and restore dividend flow to aid the debt-burdened IBH.

Mr Elliott has already had public disputes with the independent directors, led by Mr Clark. They were threatening to quit if Mr Elliott gained board control through elections at the AGM.

One issue, however, may have been resolved — the future of Peter Bartels, the present chief executive of Foster's. IBH is said to be ready to accept his position if separate management runs the sale of the non-brewing assets. This would leave Mr Bartels, also an IBH shareholder, to concentrate on brewing.

Advisers to the group said lodged proxy votes were "overwhelmingly" in support of the independent directors. Two of them were seeking re-election, along with two representatives of Asahi and a nominee of IBH. A Foster's board meeting was also scheduled just before the AGM.

IBH's problems centre on its burgeoning debts. The company has liabilities of Aus$2.4 billion (£1.1 billion) and assets of Aus$1.5 billion. Its position was exacerbated when Foster's decided not to pay a final dividend for 1990-1 after a net loss of Aus$43 million. IBH was depending on the dividend to help meet interest payments.

If Mr Elliott fails to unlock more value quickly for shareholders by demerging Foster's' assets, he may be forced to sell IBH's stake. Guinness has been touted as a possible buyer.

IBH needs Foster's share price to be restored to about Aus$4.20 by mid-1992, when its next major capital repayment is due, compared with yesterday's close at Aus$1.79.

☐ Courage, Foster's British brewer, yesterday finalised the £68 million sale to management of the brewing, packaging and bottling business of Ushers Brewery at Trowbridge, Wiltshire, together with 433 Courage pubs in England and Wales.

Buying Fairfax is not proving easy

From BRIAN BUCHANAN
IN SYDNEY

THE Australian government has thwarted attempts by the receivers to clinch a swift sale of the John Fairfax newspaper group by announcing a formal investigation into all three bids for the group.

The enquiries will be carried out by the Trade Practices Commission, a federal government body. This adds to the hurdles already facing two bidders, Tony O'Reilly, the Irish businessman, and the Tourang consortium of Conrad Black, the Canadian publisher and owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, and Kerry Packer, who is Australia's richest man.

The government's intervention means that even the local bid by Australian Independent Newspapers of Melbourne is no longer unconditional. Professor Allan Sels, chairman of the trade commission, said that the bids could contravene a previously untested part of the Trade Practices Act, which is designed to prevent any increase in market dominance. He added that he was also investigating whether Mr Packer, who runs Australia's Nine television network, would exercise substantial influence over Fairfax if Tourang succeeded.

Packer: rare appearance

O'Reilly: two hurdles

The Australian Broadcasting Tribunal has already questioned the receivers and is also likely to hold an enquiry over Mr Packer's potential role. Mr Packer has made two rare public appearances on television to emphasise that he will not exercise control at Fairfax. The commission enquiry adds to the range of investigations and legal hurdles facing the Fairfax bidders. The bids by Tourang and Dr O'Reilly, who is head of HJ Heinz, will also be looked at by the Foreign Investment Review Board.

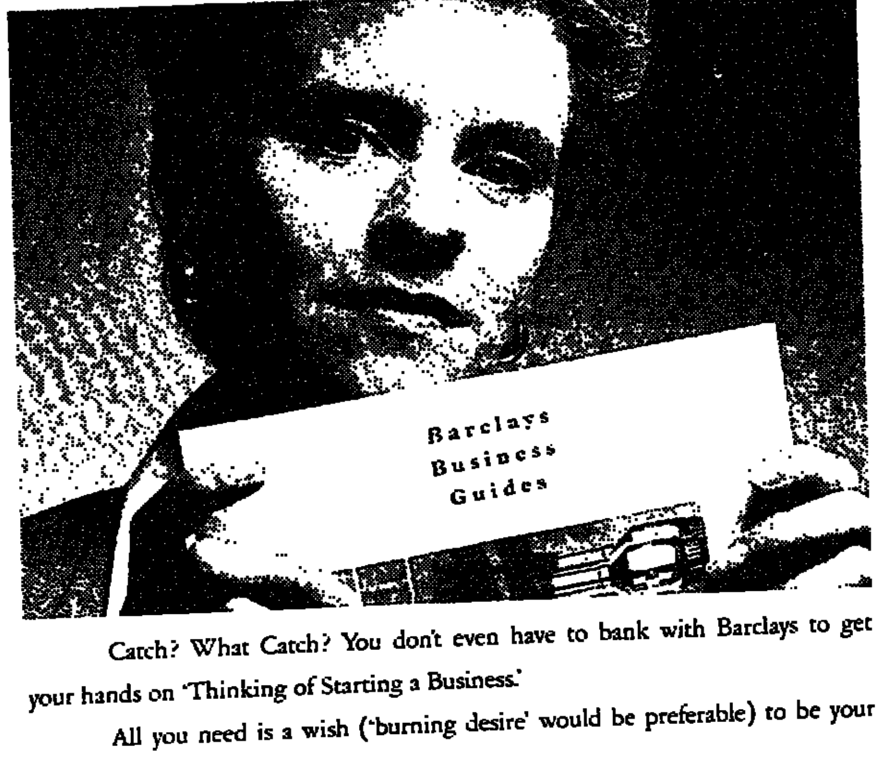
This now gives a count of two hurdles facing Dr O'Reilly and three for Tourang — the review board, the broadcasting tribunal and the trade commission.

A tribunal spokesman said a statement would be issued today on the Fairfax sale. Professor Sels said he had written to the receivers and the three bidders, asking for information.

Professor Sels said a section of the act states that if a company is already dominant in a particular market, its sale should not put it in an even stronger position. The factor here, he said, was the strong performance by the Fairfax broadsheet newspapers, *The Age*, in Melbourne, and *The Sydney Morning Herald*, in the advertising markets in Sydney and Melbourne.

AIN and CS First Boston, the Swiss-owned merchant bank, are reported to be considering joining forces to bid for Fairfax. Under the plan, AIN would be floated with Fairfax as its main asset and with the bank acting as underwriter.

The bank and its co-sponsor, Potter Warburg, the 50 per cent British-owned broker, can offer a strong institutional client network in London and New York to link with AIN's local institutional backing.



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AIB stages interim recovery

By OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

AIB Group, the expanding Allied Irish Banks, recovered in the six months to end-September despite continuing high bad debt provisions and higher losses in Britain.

Profits and earnings are still well down on a year ago, but show a strong rebound from the second half of 1990-1, when the recession in Britain and America hit hard. Operating profits of Ir£187.5 million (£172.1 million) were 10 per cent up on the half year to end-March, partly due to the inclusion of TSB Ireland for two and a half months. Without TSB, the rise would have been 8.5 per cent.

The bad debt charge of Ir£101 million compares with Ir£60 million a year ago, but is down from Ir£114 million in the half year to March. Pre-tax profits were 28 per cent down over 12 months, at Ir£87.8 million, but well up on Ir£57.5 million for the intervening six months.

In sterling, the interim dividend has been raised 2.9 per cent to 3.3p from earnings per share of 7.8p. The Irish economy has withstood recession, raising its contribution to 83 per cent of the group total, only partly thanks to including TSB.

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General Accident

NINE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results of the General Accident Group for the nine months ended 30th September 1991, *estimated* and *unaudited*, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1990, which are restated at 31st December 1990 rates of exchange. Also shown are the actual results for the full year 1990: these are not, however, the statutory accounts for 1990 which have been audited without qualification and filed with the Registrar of Companies.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	9 Months to 30.9.91 Estimate £ millions	9 Months to 30.9.90 Estimate £ millions	1990 Year Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	**2,544.8**	2,281.2	3,045.8
Long Term Business	**396.0**	300.1	413.5
	2,940.8	2,581.3	3,459.3
Investment Income	**342.6**	304.8	429.9
NZI Bank Result	**0.5**	(9.3)	(6.3)
Estate Agency Result	**(11.9)**	(14.8)	(23.3)
Underwriting –			
General Business Result	**(429.1)**	(304.1)	(461.7)
Long Term Business Profits	**22.2**	14.3	25.2
	(75.7)	(9.1)	(36.2)
Less Interest on Loans	**53.0**	61.9	85.1
Loss before Taxation	**(128.7)**	(71.0)	(121.3)
Taxation – U.K. and Overseas	**(11.4)**	(18.2)	(25.7)
Loss after Taxation	**(117.3)**	(52.8)	(95.6)
Minority Interests	**0.1**	(2.5)	(2.4)
Net loss attributable *to Shareholders*	**(117.4)**	(50.3)	(93.2)
Earnings per Share	**(27.1p)**	(11.7p)	(21.7p)
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	**$1.75**	$1.93	$1.93
Canada	**$1.98**	$2.24	$2.24

Notes

(1) Investment Income for the nine months to 30th September 1990 excludes £7.9m representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the current accounting policy would have been credited to income.

(2) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on investments held for trading purposes.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	9 months to 30.9.91		9 months to 30.9.90	
	Premium Income £m	**Underwriting Result £m**	Premium Income £m	Underwriting Result £m
U.K.	**906.9**	**(259.7)**	877.9	(130.0)
U.S.A.	**781.7**	**(95.8)**	628.1	(61.4)
Canada	**317.2**	**(0.8)**	262.0	(0.7)
Pacific	**240.8**	**(22.4)**	228.6	(36.2)
Europe other than U.K.	**136.2**	**(22.8)**	134.0	(36.3)
Other Overseas	**75.6**	**(7.2)**	62.7	(10.6)
London Market Business incl. Internal Reins.	**86.4**	**(20.4)**	87.9	(28.9)
	2,544.8	**(429.1)**	2,281.2	(304.1)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 11.6% and 12.4% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 6.0% and 5.8% respectively.

In the third quarter there was a worldwide underwriting loss of £133.2m (1990 £87.1m loss) with losses in the United Kingdom of £81.3m (1990 £35.5m loss) and in the United States of £31.8m (1990 £17.6m loss). Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £20.1m (1990 £34.0m loss). The pre-tax loss for the quarter amounted to £26.2m (1990 £4.4m loss).

For the nine months net written premiums in the United Kingdom were £906.9m (1990 £877.9m) which produced an underwriting loss of £259.7m (1990 £130.0m loss). The Motor account continues to reflect the high cost and frequency of claims and incurred a loss of £84.9m (1990 £40.7m loss). After an improvement in the third quarter the Homeowners account incurred a loss for the nine months of £34.5m (1990 £28.0m loss). The Commercial Property account, which continues to suffer from recession related claims, produced a loss for the nine months of £53.4m (1990 £40.7m loss). Other classes incurred losses of £86.9m (1990 £20.6m loss) reflecting some improvement in the third quarter, particularly in respect of creditor business.

In the United States, net written premiums were $1,368.0m (1990 $1,212.2m) for the nine months. The operating ratio was 112.42% as compared with 109.38% for the same period last year due to a deterioration in all major classes except Commercial Auto. Despite losses on Hurricane 'Bob' amounting to £2.6m some recovery was evident in Personal Lines during the third quarter. On the United Kingdom basis, the underwriting loss for the nine months was £95.8m (1990 £61.4m loss).

While there were aggregate underwriting losses elsewhere of £73.6m (1990 £112.7m loss), Canada continued to perform well, with both General Accident and Pilot contributing to an excellent underwriting result. Our European and Pacific regions report a continued trend of improved results.

New annual premiums for Life business in the United Kingdom for the first nine months were £39.0m (1990 £38.6m). Single premiums show a substantial increase to £126.0m (1990 £36.9m).

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TEMPUS

Gloomy results from Meyer conceal a glimmer of hope

INVESTORS toying with the idea of buying shares in the building materials sector who looked at the latest interim results from Meyer International, could be forgiven for a change of heart. However, the trend within the sector is starting, perhaps, to improve. Meyer's latest figures, compared with a previously poor first half, may look awful, but they offer a glimmer of hope when measured against last year's second half.

Meyer is at least holding its interim dividend at 4.2p a share, which is well covered by net interim earnings of 12.9p a share, and the incidence of borrowings, and therefore the burden of interest payments, continues to ease.

Pre-tax profits of £16.5 million for the six months to end-September compare with £25.8 million in the first half previously, but with £10.3 million earned in the period October to March. And while average sales nationally have fallen by between 12 and 13 per cent, sales by the group's Jewson division were down by only half the industry average.

Meyer took action nearly three years ago to trim its workforce and take a hold on costs, though "bacon slicing" of staff numbers (now 9,700) continues while tough times last. Its new computer system, introduced to achieve better stock control, has started to earn its keep, and if the bottom of the building cycle is within sight, then Meyer is strongly placed to rise on the profits front.

Richard Jewson, chairman, announced further acquisitions yesterday, notably of a nine-branch distributor chain operating in three states of America, which should benefit from building developments in Atlanta.

Year-end pre-tax profits of £30 million (£36.1 million) are possible, but at 442p and on 19 times prospective earnings, Meyer's strengths have largely been recognised.

Surge in sales: Anita Roddick, Body Shop International's managing director

British Airways

BRITISH Airways' share price has taken off like one of the company's 747s since the start of the year and the Gulf war, when the shares traded at below 130p, but better than expected half-way figures yesterday were enough to spark another 19p rise to 221p, leaving them 11p off their post-Crash high. The only question for investors is whether cruising altitude has been reached or whether it is still worth clambering on board.

On the basis of the City's reaction, the answer must be yes. Richard Hannah, transport analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, has raised his forecast for the full year to £220 million pre-tax, from an earlier £160 million, after first half figures showed a better than expected fall from £320 million to £185 million. Peter Bergius, his colleague at Kleinwort Benson Securities, is up from £150 million to £200 million.

BA makes a fair point that the final out-turn will depend heavily on economic trends in the second half of the year, but it will clearly have no difficulty bettering the £210 million loss in the final quarter of last year. The company's optimism is reflected in the 5 per cent rise in the dividend, with the shares now yielding a healthy prospective 5.6 per cent.

The threat to BA's key Heathrow routes is diminishing as the Americans pull back and nurse their wounds, although the possibility remains of a renewal of the onslaught in the spring. BA will eventually see the benefits of tying the knot with one of its European rivals, regulatory hurdles notwithstanding, while the sale of its engine overhaul business will cut £272 million off borrowings that had already fallen by £363 million to £862 million at the half-year end.

The shares could hit some profit-taking turbulence but still look like a long-term bet.

Body Shop

BODY Shop International has made much of its commitment to renewable and sustainable resources. But has it made the same commitment to quality of profits? Yesterday's interims do little to counter the suggestion that Body Shop is having to run increasingly fast just to stand still.

With many of the world's retail markets in recession, sales growth is heavily dependent on the opening of new outlets. There is no denying that the headline figures at Body Shop, where Anita Roddick is the managing director, continue to be hugely impressive.

Sales jumped 31 per cent to £63.2 million in the six months to end-August; pre-tax profits rose almost 37 per cent to £9.1 million and the interim dividend was increased by 31 per cent to 0.68p.

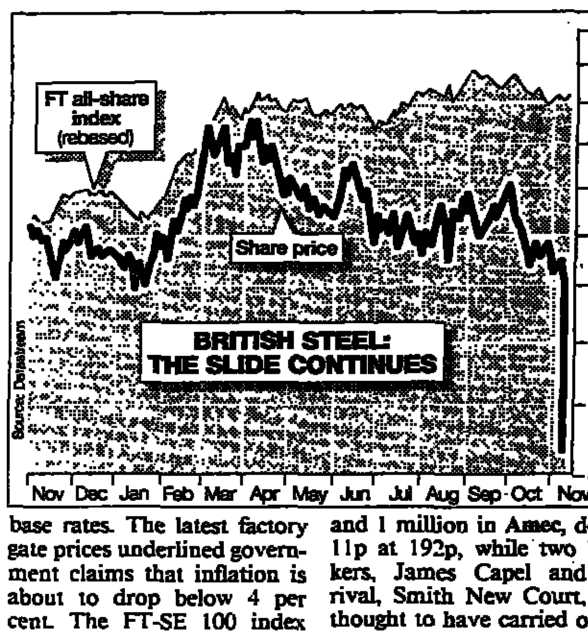
But the question is, does a company that has delivered this sort of growth for as long as Body Shop has still deserve a current price/earnings multiple of about 35, assuming full-year profits of about £27 million? The like on like sales figures suggest not. Such sales in Britain rose 1 per cent, while in America it was 8 per cent.

The criticism is not of the Roddicks, who continue to run the company well, but of the stock market which has let a doubling in the Body Shop share price since last year's post-rights indigestion pass without question. The company is good, but not 35 times good. Sell.

STOCK MARKET

Institutions cut their losses in steel shares

SHOCK waves from Monday's announcement of the half-year profits slide at **British Steel** and the possibility of a cut in the final dividend continued to be felt. The shares ended another 7p cheaper, at a low of 84½p — making a two-day fall of 30p — as institutional investors decided *to cut their losses and* unwind their positions.



A total of 58 million shares changed hands, including 10 million believed to have been placed by Smith New Court, the broker. On Monday, BS announced a tumble in half-year pre-tax profits from £307 million to £19 million. Sir Robert Scholey, the BS chairman, said there was still no sign of an upturn and gave warning that the final payout was in jeopardy.

Brokers such as UBS Phillips & Drew are believed to be forecasting a final of only 1½p, making a total of 4½p. BS has also broken off its joint-venture talks with Bethlehem Steel of America because it cannot reach agreement with the unions.

Dealers said that the plight of BS also highlighted the problems facing other companies trading in Britain's traditional industries, which *remain in recession.*

Those companies relying on the steel industry and those with only minimal dividend cover, were marked lower. They included **Rolls-Royce**, *down 5p at 136p.* ***Pilkington***, 3p cheaper at 142p, **T&N**, 6p off at 139p, and **Lucas Industries**, 5p slimmer at 132p. But generally, the equity market had a better day despite a *volatile performance by the* pound against the mark.

Last week's softening in American interest rates has raised hopes of a cut in bank base rates. The latest factory gate prices underlined government claims that inflation is about to drop below 4 per cent. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best with a rise of 20.6 to 2,575.5.

Turnover reached 516 million shares but this was swollen by heavy turnover in BS and several large lines of stock. These included 2.7 million **Taylor Woodrow**, down 14p at 172p, after a profits downgrading by *Warburg Securities and BZW.*

A line of 2.1 million **Harrisons & Crosfield** also went through the market, leaving the shares 5p cheaper at 144p, and 1 million in **Amec**, down 11p at 192p, while two brokers, James Capel and its rival, Smith New Court, are thought to have carried out a joint cross of 1.2 million **Trafalgar House**, 4p lower *at* 237p.

Government securities gave up an early lead of £¼ at the longer end to finish virtually unchanged.

British Airways surged 19p to 221p after achieving a much better than expected performance in the first half. **BAA**, the independent airports operator, also jumped 11p to 449p after the latest traffic figures.

Rothmans International rose 13p to £11.37 despite BZW cutting its profit forecast for the current year. But **Siebe**, the engineer, fell 5p to 483p after a presentation arranged by Kleinwort Benson.

General Accident advanced 11p to 495p after reporting another set of losses. **Royal Insurance** jumped 17p to 311p before its figures this week and helped by the news that it is in talks with two continental insurers.

There were also gains for ***Commercial Union***, *11p* to 502p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 4p to 160p and **Sun Alliance**, 9p to 328p.

The shares in **Antares**, the oil exploration group, were suspended at 1¼p. The group may be about to make a big acquisition.

Shares of **Harrison Industries**, the building supplies group, were suspended at 59p, pending the outcome of bid talks.

Bid hopes also continued to drive **Steetley**, the brick maker and building products group, *sharply higher with the* price adding 7p — making a two-day gain of 17p. Once again the name of **Redland**, down 8p at 500p, is being bandied about.

MICHAEL CLARK

FKI, the engineering group demerged from Babcock International, was a nervous market ahead of half year figures today, losing 5½p to 58½p. Pre-tax profits are expected to fall from *£26 million to £14 million and* there are fears the company may ask for extra funds.

RECENT ISSUES

Adam & Harvey (130)	196	...
Butte Mining Warrants	2½	...
Capital Ventures 1p	83	...
Culver 1p (4)	3	...
Drayton Recovery Trust (100)	98	...
Dumas Group 10p (25)	20	...
English & Scottish Warrants	20	...
Euro Motor 40p	122	...
Eurotunnel SA 1991 Warrants	228	-2
Fidelity Euro Values Uts (100p)	483	-2
Frost Group (235)	251	...
Gartmore Scotland Inc (100)	*109*	...
-do- Inv Cap (100)	89	...
-do- Inv Units	6650	-5
JIB Group 10p (195)	216	+1
Latin American Extra Yld (587)	570	...
M & G Income Inv Cap 1p (29)	18¾	...
M & G Income Inv Geared Units	63	+½
M & G Income Inv Inc 1p (44)	44½	...
M & G Inc Inv Package Uts (100)	98	...
Simpsons of Cornhill 5p (50)	44	...
Vtech Holdings 5 (62½)	65	...
Wills Group Warrants	2½	...
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Anglo Eastern Plant N/P (33)	8	...
Brit Thornton 5p N/P (10)	¼	...
De La Rue N/P (350)	111	+5
Euro Motor 40p N/P (100)	22	...
Kenmare Res Ir5p N/P (Ir7.5)	¼	...
More O'Ferrall 10p N/P (215)	32	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES.	
General Accident	495p (+11p)
Schroders	1130p (+20p)
Standard Chartered	420p (+10p)
Hardys & Hansons	1250p (+12p)
Auto Sec	147p (+10p)
Beales Hunter	280p (+14p)
TDK	2287p (+25p)
American Express	1075p (+21p)
Glaxo	823p (+38p)
Royal	309p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Alex & Alex	1150p (-12p)
Electrolux 'B'	2287p (-50p)
Bankamerica	2275p (-21p)
Wells Fargo	3637p (-37p)
Amec	192p (-11p)
Taylor Woodrow	172p (-14p)
Norsk Hydro	1412p (-25p)
Sothebys	700p (-13p)
Dana	1500p (-12p)
Smithkline Units	3603p (-22p)

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WALL STREET

New York — Shares rose in morning trading, but the Dow Jones industrial average fell from its opening level. The Dow average was up 7 points at 3,049.26 after reaching 3,057. Secondary shares continued to forge ahead.

☐ *Tokyo — Prices closed* sharply higher, propelled by heavy arbitrage buying. The Nikkei index was up 434.74 points, or 1.79 per cent, to 24,667.73. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 12 midday	Nov 11 close
AMP Inc	53⅝	53⅞
AMR Corp	61¼	61
Abbott Labs	61	60¾
Aetna Life	41⅛	41⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	15⅞	15⅝
Air Prod & Chem	70¼	69¾
Albertson's	36¾	36⅜
Alcan Aluminum	21⅝	21⅞
Alco Standard	33	32¾
Allied Signal	41⅞	41¼
Alum Co of Am	62¾	62⅝
Amax	20⅞	20⅝
Amerada Hess	55¼	54¼
Amer Brands	41⅞	41
Amer Cyanamid	61⅛	61
Amer El Power	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Express	19½	19¾
Amer Genl Corp	43¼	42⅝
Amer Home Pr	77¼	76⅝
Amer Intl	89	88⅝
Amer Stores	37⅞	37⅞
Amer T & T	38¼	38¼
Ameritech	62¼	62¼
Amoco	50⅝	51
Anheuser-Busch	53⅞	54⅛
Apple Computer	54¼	53⅞
Archer Daniels	28½	28½
Arkla	16½	16⅝
Armco	5⅛	5
Armstrong Wrld	29¼	29⅝
Asarco	25	25¼
Ashland Oil	30¼	29¾
Atl Richfield	117⅞	116⅝
Auto Data Pro	38½	38⅝
Avery Dennison	23⅛	23⅜
Avon Products	40⅛	40
Baker Hughes	22⅞	22¾
Baltim Gas & El	32⅞	32¾
Banc One	47	47
BankAmerica	39⅝	40⅛
Bank of NY	34⅛	33⅞
Bankers Tr NY	67⅝	67⅛
Barnett Bks Fl	33¼	33
Bausch & Lomb	51⅛	50⅝
Baxter Intl	39	38½
Becton Dickinson	65	63⅞
Bell Atlantic	46½	46½
BellSouth	48¾	49
Black & Decker	17⅞	17⅜
Block (H&R)	34⅛	34
Boeing	49¼	49½
Boise Cascade	25⅞	25⅞
Borden Inc	32⅞	32⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	83½	83⅝
Browning Ferris	17⅞	18
Burlington Nthn	39¼	39¼
CBS	157¼	157⅛
CNA Financial	92¼	92⅞
CPC Intl	82¼	81¼
CSX	55⅝	54½
Campbell Soup	78⅝	78¼
Can Pacific	17¼	17⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	405½	404
Cpd Holdings	53¾	54⅛
Carolina Pwr	49½	49⅝
Caterpillar	47⅞	48
Central & SW	52	51⅞
Champion Intl	25⅞	25⅞
Chase Manhat	18¼	18½
Chemical Bk	24⅞	24½
Chevron Corp	72¼	72⅜
Chrysler	12⅞	12¼
Chubb Corp	71⅜	70⅝
Cigna Corp	55⅝	54⅝
Citicorp	11⅜	11¼
Clorox	39⅛	39⅞
Coastal Corp	31½	31⅝
Coca Cola	66⅞	66¼
Colgate Palm	41⅞	41⅞
Columbia Gas	17⅝	17⅝
Commonw Ed	40⅞	40⅝
Compaq Comp	26¼	25⅞
Comp Ass Intl	9⅝	9⅝
Conagra	44⅞	44⅛
Cons Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Cons Nat Gas	44½	43⅝
Cons Rail	80¼	79⅝
Cooper Inds	54⅞	54½
Corning Inc	76	75⅞
Crown Cork	88⅞	88¼
Dana Corp	26¾	26⅝
Dayton Hudson	63¼	62¼
Deere	53⅞	53¼
Delta Air Lines	61⅜	61¼
Deluxe Corp	39½	39¼
Detroit Edison	33½	33⅞
Digital Equip	60⅞	61
Dillard Dept St	130⅞	128¼
Disney (Walt)	*113*	*114⅝*
Dominion Res	56	55½
Donnelley (RR)	48¾	47⅝
Dover Corp	36⅝	37
Dow Chemicals	52⅞	52⅞
Dow Jones	24½	24⅝
Dresser	20⅝	20
Duke Power	30⅞	30¾
Dun & Bradstreet	50½	50⅝
Du Pont	47⅝	47⅛
Eastman Kodak	47⅛	45¾
Eaton Corp	60⅛	60½
Emerson Elec	48⅝	49
Enron Corp	75¾	75⅞
Entergy Corp	28⅝	28⅞
Ethyl Corp	27⅛	26⅞
Exxon	60⅝	60¾
FMC Corp	48⅞	48½
FPL Group	34⅝	34½
Federal Express	38⅝	38½
Fed Nat Mtge	61⅝	61⅝
First Chicago	27⅛	27
First Interstate	29⅛	29⅝
First Union Rlty	8½	8⅝
FleetNorstar	22¾	22¼
Fluor Corp	41⅞	41¼
Ford Motor	25¾	25⅝
GTE Corp	33⅝	33⅞
Gannett	40⅝	40⅝
Gap Inc Del	49⅝	48½
Gen Cinema	18¼	18¼
Gen Dynamics	52½	52½
Gen Electric	68⅝	68½
Gen Mills	67	65¾
Gen Motors	32½	32⅝
Gen Reinsurance	93	92½
Gen Signal	51⅞	52¼
Genuine Parts	45⅛	44⅞
Georgia Pac	54¼	53⅞
Gillette	44⅛	43⅝
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Gt.Atl Pac Tea	29⅝	29⅝
Great Wstn Fin	15¼	15⅛
Halliburton	34	33⅝
Heinz (HJ)	39⅞	39¼
Hercules	43	42⅛
Hershey Foods	40⅝	40½
Hewlett Packard	49⅛	48⅝
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Homestake	15	15⅜
Honeywell	58¼	58½
Household Intl	48⅜	47⅞
Houston Inds	39¼	39⅝
Humana	29⅝	28⅝
ITT Corp	55¼	55
Illinois Tool	63	63½
INCO	33⅞	33⅞
Ingersoll Rand	52⅜	52⅞
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Lilly (Eli)	76¼	76⅛
Limited Inc	25⅞	26
LIN Brdcstng	70½	71¼
Lincoln Nat	53⅝	53¼
Litton	88	87⅝
Liz Claiborne	39¼	39⅛
Lockheed Corp	46	45¾
Louisiana Pac	40¼	40⅝
MCI Commun	27⅞	27¼
Manuf Hanover	27⅞	27½
Marriott	16¼	16¼
Marsh & McLnn	75	74⅞
Martin Marietta	54¼	53½
Masco Corp	22⅞	22¾
May Dept St	51⅜	51¼
Maytag Corp	14¾	14⅝
McDonalds	35⅛	35½
McDonnell D	76⅝	72⅜
McGraw Hill	55½	55¼
Mead Corp	34¼	33½
Medtronic	80½	80
Mellon Bk	36	35¼
Melville Corp	43	43¼
Merck Inc	137⅝	135½
Merrill Lynch	56¼	56⅛
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Mobil Corp	69⅝	70
Monsanto	66½	66⅝
Morgan (JP)	65⅜	65⅜
Motorola Inc	62⅞	61¼
Natl Medical	15¼	15⅞
Natl Semi	5⅞	5⅝
Natl Service Ind	20¼	20⅝
Navistar Inc	2¾	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	44⅞	44⅝
NCNB Corp	38⅝	38⅞
NY Times A	20¼	20¼
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Nthn State Pwr	40⅛	40⅝
Norwest Corp	33⅞	33¼
Nynex Corp	78⅛	78½
Occidental Pet	21⅜	21¼
Ohio Edison	20¼	20
Oracle Systems	15⅜	15⅞
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PNC Financial	43⅞	42¼
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Pac Gas & Elect	30⅝	30⅜
Pac Telesis	42¼	42⅝
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Paramount Comm	42	41⅞
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Penney (JC)	51¼	50⅝
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Philip Morris	70⅝	69⅞
Phillips Pet	25¼	25¼
Pitney Bowes	59⅝	59⅝
Polaroid	27⅝	27⅞
Price Co	59⅞	59⅝
Primerica	36⅝	36¼
Procter & Gmbl	83⅛	83
Pub Serv E & G	27⅞	28⅝
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Skyline Corp	14⅝	15
Snap-On-Tools	30⅛	30¼
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Stones cast into the power pool

Lord Palmerston claimed that only three people had ever fully understood the Schleswig-Holstein question, that mind-boggling sideshow of Victorian diplomacy. Electricity professionals may not care to admit it, but this is probably three more than have yet achieved a full grasp of the workings of the post-privatisation electricity pool. The system is going through a jagged learning curve. Generators, industrial buyers and the grid operators have all made mistakes, some expensive, but the generators seem to be learning best. Big industrial users should get their turn when the next round of contracts are drawn up, when a variety of new competitors start operating and when the severely limited competition between generators and the electricity distribution companies is finally opened up.

Many of the complaints from big industrial users over increased costs stem from disillusion following their happier experiences of the early workings of the system last year, when pool prices were much lower than expected for most of the time. This year has seen a rude awakening, whatever the complaints of the generators. The awakening is, however, probably only to the inevitable results of privatisation, rather than any imagined deficiency of competition.

In some markets, such as banking, competition does not inevitably lead to lower prices. Electricity may prove to be one of these. Under the old CEGB state monopoly, the generator's required rate of return was low, partly because of the way state investment worked but mainly because of the low risk. Competition increases risk and was therefore bound to raise the required rate of return on new investment. That is vital in a capital-intensive industry. The big question is how rapidly this higher rate of return on new investment, which raises the long-run marginal cost, seeps into the average price paid by users.

The existing generators naturally want this to happen as fast as possible, allowing them to phase out old power stations that are uneconomic on running costs but whose capital cost has been written down. They want to upgrade their plant to achieve profit growth and their emotional desire to escape from the clutches of the British coal industry is hastening a manic switch to gas-powered stations. The big generators are able to underwrite this through their offers to the pool because they no longer have the absolute obligation to supply the market that dominated the old CEGB. Attempts to keep down prices artificially may, as in other regulated industries, undermine competition, unless the regulator forces divestment of stations and finds new competitors content merely to run old cheap plant into the ground.

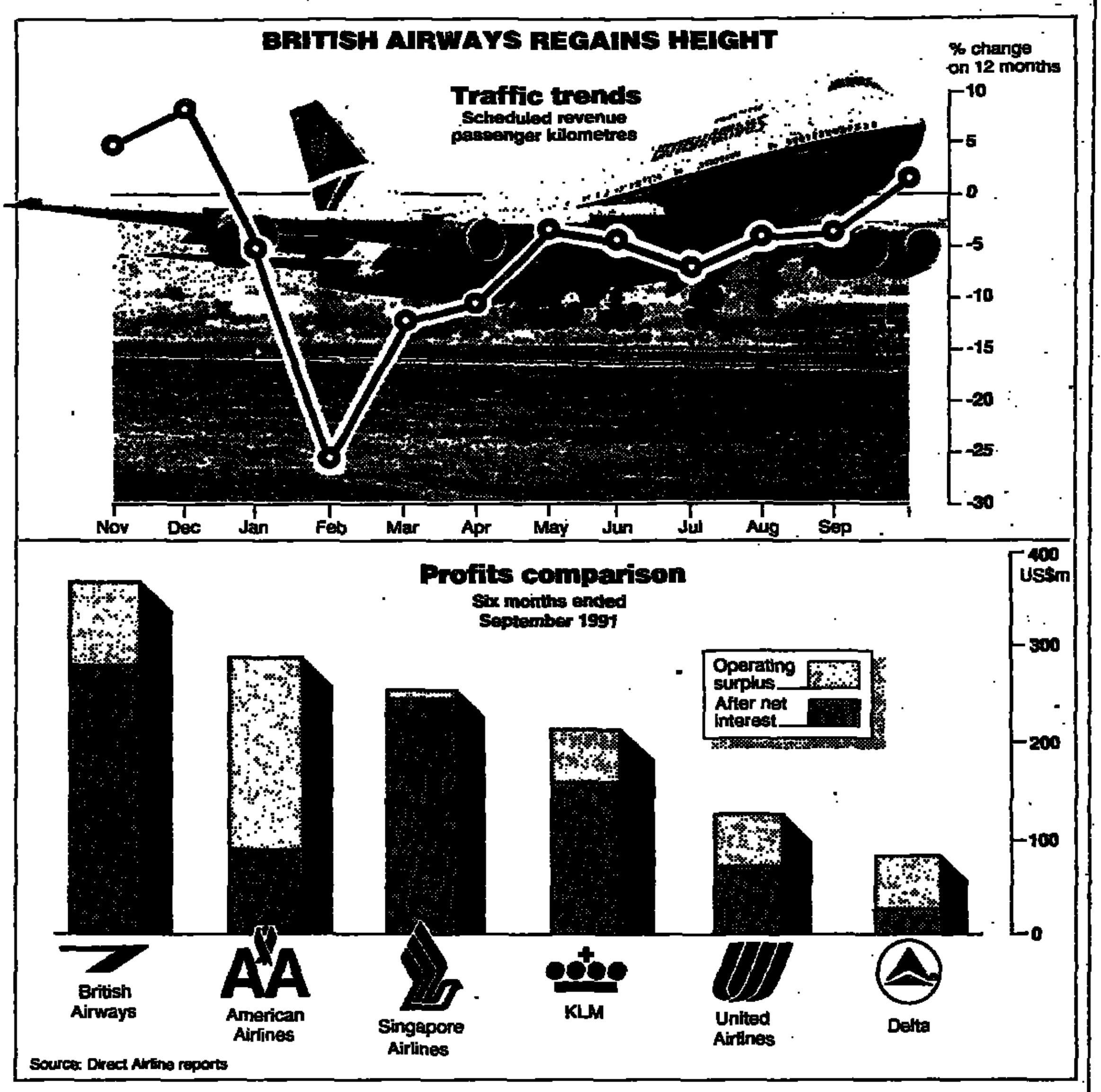
Accident prone

General Accident has seen a third successive quarterly fall in its British underwriting losses. This has not done GA much good, since America has turned worse again. Royal and some others are also more deeply involved in the dire mortgage indemnity business. Even if the losses abate, they may not disappear quickly enough to save most of the big companies from damage that will undermine their role in the single European market. If GA's solvency ratio has fallen to 45.5 per cent, despite generally healthy stock markets, Royal's may have fallen ten points lower.

Sir John Cuckney, Royal's ingenious chairman, is constructing typically complex solutions to preserve Royal's independence. A rights issue would have had shareholders searching for a predator. Instead, Sir John hopes to build a closer network with other potentially threatened continental firms that will inject capital, while controlling underwriting and thoroughly tightening costs. This may work, but seems unlikely to relieve shareholders from pain.

British Airways shows it is still master of Heathrow

BA is the world's most profitable airline. **Harvey Elliott** examines how it has managed to stay ahead of the pack



Source: Direct Airline reports

There were many wry smiles of satisfaction in the corridors of the transport department yesterday as British Airways announced it had made pre-tax profits of £185 million in the first six months of this year. Ministers and civil servants from Malcolm Rifkind's ugly concrete bunker have endured months of criticism over a string of decisions which, they were told, could have pushed BA into the red while giving a helping hand to predatory giants from across the Atlantic.

The dire warnings were, it now appears, at best over-stated and may even have proved counter-productive by giving the impression that Britain's leading airline may again have been crying wolf.

The arrival of United and American at Heathrow has not, after all, destroyed BA's dominance. Both American airlines have now retreated for the winter, reducing the number of seats they provide on the lucrative transatlantic routes, partly because they have to under the agreement that allowed them into Heathrow in the first place.

They are almost certainly licking their wounds from the first clashes and will undoubtedly be back next year with a new armoury of marketing weapons ready to hurl at BA. But for the time being, BA is firmly in the driving seat and holding on to its 40 per cent market share.

True, BA did not achieve its remarkable result without some serious cost cutting. There is more to come, with loss-making routes, especially in Europe, being closed and the axe falling in the British regions. BA remains, however, the most profitable airline in the world, and, amid gloom over the scale of airline losses, is one of only a handful to make any profit at all.

The airline had begun to make plans to reduce overheads well before the Gulf war and the recession combined to deal such devastating blows to struggling operators. With hundreds of aircraft needed over the next ten years to replace older models and cater for growth, it was already clear that the financial backing necessary to buy or lease them would be difficult to find unless bottom-line profits were healthy. A therefore embarked on a programme aimed at increasing efficiency and productivity in every department. Budgets were scrutinised, some services, such as ramp handling, were contracted out, loss-making subsidiaries such as Redwing and Four Corners were sold, the engine overhaul plant has almost been sold and 4,600 jobs were cut. An additional 2,000 people were put on short-time working or told to take a long unpaid holiday.

The airline was better prepared than most to ride the blows that followed the Gulf war but it still ran up losses of £210 million in the final quarter and a profit of only £130 million in the full year to March.

Lord King, not a man to take such problems lightly, was thus incensed when Heathrow was opened up to newcomers without any apparent compensation in increased opportunites elsewhere, especially America. In what many saw as a fit of pique but which he insists was merely cost cutting, he withdrew BA's £40,000 contribution to Tory funds and seemed to be heading for open warfare with Whitehall.

He regularly told anyone who would listen that by allowing in the predators from America, Japan, Hong Kong and other fast-growing parts of the airline world, Mr Rifkind risked turning the UK into "a bit player on the aviation scene".

He reacted equally furiously to being forced to hand over slots at Tokyo's Narita airport to the upstart Virgin Airways, claiming that weakening the strong did nothing to strengthen the weak. He railed against the continuing delay in plans to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow saying that BA was the only major national carrier that was forced to use two terminals at its home base airport and to bus passengers four miles around the perimeter road to catch connecting flights.

To its rivals' glee, BA gave away all its seats for one day in the "world's biggest offer" and at first appeared to have wasted millions. Now, however, it seems the scheme and its attendant marketing drive did begin to pull passengers back, albeit mainly in the economy seats.

By carefully controlling the amount of cheap seats it sells, however, the airline has bucked the trend and increased the average amount of money paid by passengers. There are now slight but discernible signs that the worst of the recession in business travel may be coming to an end. Concorde traffic is back to pre-Gulf war levels and although the total number of passengers is still slightly down on last year the all-important revenue passenger kilometre figure has crept above last year's level.

After the half-year results were announced yesterday, both Lord King and Sir Colin Marshall were at pains to point out that the full-year result would depend on how quickly the world recession ended. In the meantime, they are extending the cost cutting exercise to Gatwick, where a target of 30 per cent savings has been made, and to the loss-making regions.

One plan being discussed with the unions is to transfer senior pilots back to Heathrow and bring in younger, less expensive crews to work from Birmingham, Glasgow and Manchester. BA still wants to set up a joint venture airline to fly out of Birmingham and hopes are high that the putative Air Russia and a new airline based in Berlin will overcome legislative obstacles and begin to earn big profits. Talks continue with KLM and Northwest over a possible global conglomerate.

BA's profits of £185 million in the past six months may be 42 per cent down on last year, but they come at a time when the world airline industry is expected to run up total losses of $5 billion. BA's problems may be that it has been almost too successful at coping with the slump. Loss-making rivals may be able to appeal to their governments either for financial help, if they are nationalised, or for regulatory support if not. BA is likely to find that the Civil Aviation Authority and British ministers are less sympathetic and not prepared to listen to the whinges of a company that seems robustly capable of standing on its own feet.

Poland takes a fresh look at sell-off

Poland's proposal to hand over its corporate sector to the population through a free issue of shares appears to be losing popularity.

According to Jacek Siwicki, the Polish state secretary for privatisation, who was in London yesterday, the idea of the so-called mass privatisation programme never amounted to much more than a means of establishing some form of popular capitalism through wider share ownership.

Already Czechoslovakia's proposal to let the public bid for corporate assets with investment vouchers, which was scheduled to start this month, has had to be postponed until next year, because of procedural disagreements between the anti-voucher Czech national government and the pro-voucher federal government.

In Poland, the mass-privatisation programme, where the public obtains shares in a few investment holding companies, has always been much less ambitious.

It looks increasingly as if the real privatisation programme, the one aimed at the reconstruction of companies and the modernisation of factories, will now not be left to the unsophisticated small shareholder, but is being pursued much more vigorously and in a much more traditional manner through direct sales.

The two systems can easily be combined, with free privatisation accounting for a minority of shares in a minority of companies. But the advocates of the "free" scheme would argue that such a compromise misses the point. They say their method would have established private ownership of the corporate sector with a reasonably fair wealth distribution. The weakness, however, is that the restructuring benefits take longer to emerge than from traditional sales, and time is crucial.

But a new approach is gaining ground fast, the sector approach. This is not in itself a privatisation method, but an analytical process to help choose the appropriate method of privatisation. By analysing the whole sector, according to Mr Siwicki, some traditional mistakes, such as the neglect of competition and "cherry picking" by investors, can be avoided.

In the case of Poland's oil industry, the sector approach is now expected to lead to direct involvement of multinational oil groups. Mr Siwicki's visit to London was intended mainly to discuss the sale of the oil industry, consisting of two large refineries in Gdansk and Plock, and small refineries in the south, as well the supply and distribution companies. The idea is to sell not each business individually, but the sector in vertical slices, thus combining privatisation and restructuring, unlike voucher schemes which concern themselves exclusively with ownership.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hardy on the right tracks

IS THERE no stopping David Hardy, champion of investment trusts, defender of Zimbabwean palm oil plantations, and now, it seems, railway magnate. Hardy, who fought hard to save the £1 billion Globe Investment Trust from the clutches of the British Coal pension funds last year, is rarely out of the news these days. Soon after joining the Hanson board, he last week took over as chairman at Aberfoyle, the tiny Zimbabwean trading company that is facing a shareholder rebellion. Now, as chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation — a post he holds until March — he has inherited overall responsibility for the Docklands Light Railway. Sir Peter Levine, the new DLR chairman, may prove a useful ally. Until April, Sir Peter was in charge of a £9 billion equipment programme for the Ministry of Defence. Now, about those surplus tanks . . .

Right note

NEARLY 300 brokers and underwriters crammed into the Captain's Room at Lloyd's last night, and for once the woes of the market were not top of the list. They were attending a recital of classical music composed by Rodney Stone, leading professional indemnity underwriter and a man of many talents. Stone, who makes a point of wearing black suits and sombre ties, composes modern classical music on the train on his way into work. "He has held various recitals in the past, but this was his first one at Lloyd's," says an admirer. Stone, aged 45, lives in a converted greenhouse at Coldharbour, near Dorking, Surrey, set in a walled garden and with a jacuzzi thrown in. Profits from last night's event go to the Children in Cities Appeal.

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Uneasy riders

IN THE City, it is no longer fashionable to own a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Having it stolen — now, that is another matter. So many City gents have had their prized Harleys pilfered that "Have you had yours stolen yet?" has become the fashionable cry in winebars in Fulham and Chelsea, the heart of the target area. "They're being taken straight out of the country," says Richard Saltiel, a grain trader at J Aron, the commodities division of Goldman Sachs and proud owner — at least as we go to press — of an £18,000 customised Softail Heritage. "One friend has had two stolen in the past six months," he adds. Members of the ex-Harley-owners' club include Viscount Linley, who had his £10,000 machine stolen last month, and John Gaydon, who runs Medialab, a film production company.

Nomura regrets

NOMURA, the world's biggest securities house, has long prided itself on throwing the biggest Christmas party. Not this year. The annual thrash, held at the Grosvenor House and at a cost, it is said, of hundreds of thousands of pounds, has been cancelled. Whispers are that the powers-that-be in Tokyo think it would be wrong for Nomura's 1,100 London staff to be seen to be enjoying themselves in the aftermath of the Japanese banking scandals. All is not lost, however, since the firm has set aside £50 a head for individuals to go out and have a good time . . . discreetly.

Weight in malt

LIFE as an analyst can be hell — unless you happen to cover the food and drinks sector and your name is John Wakely. Aberlour Single Malt, which is produced by Campbell Distillers, has launched an award for analysts who follow distilled spirits and Wakely, who works for Lehman Brothers International, is this year's winner. Aberlour generously pledged to reward the victor with his or her weight in malt — a big mistake. To their horror, 6ft 5in Wakely weighed in at 15 stone and now has 72 bottles of malt — worth £1,200 — to tide him over. Alan Gray of Charterhouse Tilney was the runner-up.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Inland waterways provide answer to green transport

From Dr David Hilling

Sir, All those who for long have been pressing for the consideration, appraisal and financing of inland waterways for freight transport, on terms comparable with other modes, will support the ideas presented by Sir Alastair Morton to the Confederation of British Industry conference (*The Times*, November 6).

Par excellence, waterways provide a transport mode which is friendly to the environment, with minimal levels of air pollution, noise, vibration, visual intrusion and energy consumption. Without arguing for the rehabilitation of the narrow canals there are waterways for which minimal investment in channel improvement and interchange facilities could provide high capacity freight arteries either through congested areas (eg, the Thames) or into inland regions (eg, Aire and Calder, Trent, Severn).

A scheme such as Sir Alastair proposes could provide independent predictable funding for waterways, allow a rolling forward development plan and the fuller integration of the freight waterways into the total transport system.

Sir Alastair's scheme could provide a way of countering years of neglect by successive governments and conforms with redistributive transport funding already being considered by the European Community.

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Ultramar bought to book

From Mr Paul Warrick

Sir, In 1985, Ultramar shareholders were offered a smart, bound book entitled *A Golden Adventure — the First 50 years of Ultramar*. The book tracks the growth of Ultramar from early days, when it was discovery driven and when directorship meant leadership.

The last pages of the book contain these interesting lines, written in 1985:

"However, it is also apparent to the board and to senior management that the company has reached a sort of plateau . . . new strategies and plans are required . . . There are naturally differences of opinion among Ultramar's leaders as to which course to follow . . . there is some feeling that Ultramar has attained its optimum size and that further expansion would require the infusion of fresh expertise and a new style of mangement."

Poor Ultramar, the soft men prevailed. No vision, no leadership, but big, big remuneration at the top. I hope the boardroom still has a copy of this delightful book, which deserves a place in the library of Lasmo, or, with a bit of luck, a higher bidder.

Yours faithfully,
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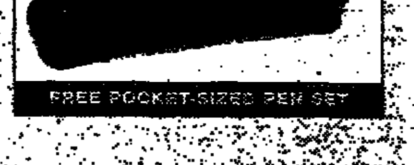

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capital	88.91	95.36	-0.07	3.56
Euro Gth Inc	92.74	98.92	+0.40	1.90
Extra Inc	94.53	101.10†	+0.10	6.62
General	200.60	214.50†	+0.40	4.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	52.87	54.77	+0.04	9.94
Income	429.30	459.10	-0.50	5.99

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	66.42	70.29	-0.22	0.4
Amer Smllr Cos	75.76	80.67	-0.16	0.2
Australia	63.20	67.75	-0.86	1.9
Convertibles	45.96	49.15	+0.10	8.5
Eastern	129.30	139.10	-1.00	1.3
Equity Income	74.43	79.18†	+0.26	7.0
European Gth	176.90	187.90	+0.10	2.2
Euro Smllr Cos	150.60	160.90	+0.10	1.5
Exempt	69.24	71.40	...	3.9
German Growth	46.24	49.38	+0.21	1.1
Global Growth	82.62	88.34	-0.12	1.0
Japan Growth	161.30	172.50	+1.40	...
Japan Sunrise	130.80	139.60	+0.50	...
Portfolio	100.10	104.10		3.9
-do- Acc	170.90	177.80	-0.10	3.9
UK Growth	57.07	60.71	+0.01	4.2
UK Smaller Cos	73.06	78.13†	+0.12	2.9
Select Managers	54.87	58.37	-0.03	3.1

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA.
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	84.81	90.70	-0.62	2.71
-do- Inc	79.18	84.69†	-0.58	2.71
Global Bond	23.18	24.79	-0.05	6.03
High Yield Acc	42.10	45.03	+0.49	4.90
-do- Inc	32.86	35.15†	+0.36	4.90
Income Gth Acc	60.72	64.94	-0.08	5.59
-do- Inc	43.12	46.12	-0.06	5.59
Service Co Acc	72.22	77.24	-0.52	1.99
-do- Inc	68.00	72.73†	-0.49	1.98
Amer Gth Acc	35.32	37.78	+0.08	1.08
-do- Inc	34.66	37.07	+0.08	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.39	27.16	+0.06	1.40
-do- Inc	24.70	26.42	+0.05	1.40
Mngd P folio	25.85	27.65	-0.01	.

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Financial	99.01	105.40		4.48
Smaller Cos Acc	193.40	206.00	+0.90	..
Smaller Cos Inc	116.50	124.10†	+0.70	1.86
High Inc	61.51	65.75	+0.15	6.65
Income	95.46	101.70†	+0.10	5.33
Mngd P folio Inc	80.46	85.69	-0.09	2.47
-do- Acc	148.50	155.20	-0.10	.
North American	78.06	83.14	-0.53	0.26
Orient	96.44	103.70		.
Recovery	31.84	33.91		3.45
German	35.19	37.71†	+0.15	0.11
Intl Recov	28.32	30.16†	-0.29	0.26
European Inc	20.21	21.76†	-0.01	0.52
Conv General	16.97	18.07	-0.02	10.53

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street,
London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing:
071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	51.78	54.89	-0.01	3.22
-do- Acc	56.49	59.95	-0.01	3.22
Income Fund 5	171.80	182.50†	+0.20	6.14
-do- Acc	371.90	395.60†	+0.40	6.14
Inv Portfolio	54.52	56.74	-0.10	2.90
-do- Acc	59.95	62.05	-0.12	2.90
Smaller Cos	110.50	117.60	+0.10	3.10
-do- Acc	127.40	135.60		3.10
High Inc P folio	49.95	50.73	+0.07	6.70

BURRAGE UT MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL.
071 480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Stu Gilt Fxd Int	63.42	64.26	+0.01	6.36

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Environ	107.20	114.10	-0.10	2.16
UK Growth	117.90	125.50		2.61
UK Income	105.60	112.60†	-0.20	5.71

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx
HA9 0NB 081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
SE Asia	51.85	55.46	-0.33	2.04
Growth	40.09	42.88	-0.07	3.40
Income	47.41	50.71	-0.74	5.66
Far East	39.18	41.90	-0.01	0.74
North American	60.06	64.24	+0.08	0.01
Global	62.98	67.25	+0.13	1.32
European	58.51	62.58	-0.15	2.55
Japan	93.69	100.20†		0.01
Strategic Opps	47.75	51.07	-0.01	2.03
Intl Currency Bd	47.38	50.24†	+0.03	7.52
UK Cap Gwth	68.74	73.52†	+0.15	2.35
UK High Inc	35.24	37.69†	-0.08	5.09

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquires 061 236 5685. Dealing 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	91.49	97.33	-0.11	0.23
-do- Acc	97.27	103.48	-0.11	0.23
European	56.69	60.10	+0.09	1.46
-do- Acc	58.37	61.88	+0.10	1.46
Far East Gen	49.57	52.74	+0.27	...
-do- Acc	49.57	52.74	+0.27	...
Glenfriars	219.00	233.00	-0.90	2.39
-do- Acc	239.20	254.50	-0.90	2.39
Growth	299.30	320.20	+0.40	2.69
-do- Acc	496.50	531.10	+0.50	2.69
Income Growth	323.30	344.00	-0.30	4.97
-do- Acc	403.20	429.00	-0.30	4.97
Master Portfolio	8308.0	8723.0†	-12.00	2.76
-do- Acc	9296.0	9761.0	-13.00	2.76
Special Sits	67.91	72.25	+0.15	2.80
-do- Acc	76.49	81.38	+0.08	2.80
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1003.0	1035.0†		5.82
-do- Acc	1109.0	1144.0	-1.00	5.82

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Square, London
E14 9GJ. 071 955 5050. Dealing 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Index	147.30	157.20	-0.90	2.02
Capital	458.10	488.80†	+1.90	3.84
European Index	111.70	119.20	+0.60	2.08
Euro Gth	72.70	77.58	+0.37	1.96
Far East Growth	67.34	71.86	-0.65	1.18
Global Bond	20.47	21.83	-0.06	8.45
Gold General	59.62	63.62	-0.32	2.32
Hong Kong	41.45	44.23	-0.10	3.18
Income	435.40	464.60†	+0.20	5.44
Intl Growth	61.25	65.36	+0.02	1.36
Japan Growth	212.70	226.90†	+1.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	29.99	32.00	+0.08	...
Japan Index	64.86	69.22	+0.36	0.33
Nth American	308.60	329.30	-1.20	1.65
S pore Mly Gth	33.51	35.76	-0.23	...
Tiger Index	88.82	94.79	-0.82	1.28
Trixie Index	93.89	100.20	-0.20	4.89
UK Index	109.70	117.00	+0.40	3.91

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN.
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American P folio	58.82	62.91	+0.16	1.73
European P folio	59.96	63.86	-0.09	1.23
Japanese P folio	45.49	48.39	-0.36	...
Pacific P folio	65.10	70.00	+0.27	2.87
Cazenove P folio	59.38	63.51	+0.05	3.18
UK Income Gth	56.20	60.44	+0.06	6.94

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	544.05	546.45		5.29
Fixed Int	141.35	141.90		10.22
Deposit	10.25	...	10.65	..

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income	523.84	528.86		5.54
-do- Acc	1921.3	1937.2		...
Deposit	10.25	...	10.65	..
Fxd Int Inc	114.65	114.87		10.10
-do- Acc	131.95	132.21		..

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	52.42	55.18†	-0.06	2.89
Beckman Intl	63.23	65.02†	-0.54	5.34
Friars Hse Inc	167.70	177.70†	+0.40	5.39
Friars Hse Cap	211.90	224.60	-0.20	2.72

COMMERCIAL UT MANAGERS
St Helens, 1 Undershaft, London
EC3P 3DQ Enquiries 081 681 2222 Dealing
081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	76.62	81.51	-0.10	1.11
European Gth	75.43	80.24	+0.30	1.01
Far East Gth	72.58	77.21	-0.06	0.47
Japan Gth Acc	35.56	37.83†	+0.35	..
Managed	53.03	56.41†	+0.18	3.78
-do- Acc	61.98	65.94	+0.21	0.47
Mthly Inc Plus	41.75	44.42		9.80
Smaller Cos	29.05	30.90	-0.01	2.34
-do- Acc	31.16	33.15	-0.02	2.34
UK General	61.24	65.15	+0.38	3.04
-do- Acc	70.21	74.69	+0.44	3.04
Wwide Bd	50.13	53.33	-0.01	5.10
-do- Acc	60.02	63.85	-0.01	5.10
Wwide Sp Sits	43.68	46.72	+0.10	0.54
-do- Acc	45.32	48.47	+0.10	4.97
Quilter General	105.92	112.68†	+0.57	1.72
-do- Acc	113.82	121.09	+0.62	1.72
Quilter Income	86.56	92.09	+0.06	4.48
-do- Acc	97.93	104.18	+0.07	4.48
Quilter Intl	103.96	110.60		..
-do- Acc	104.92	111.62		..
Quilter UK Spec	70.77	75.29	+0.05	3.20
-do- Acc	91.35	97.18	+0.06	3.20
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	56.44	91.96	+0.59	2.85
Fixed Conv	33.94	36.11		9.07
-do- Acc	81.36	86.55	-0.03	9.07
Equity Inc	127.95	136.12	+0.69	5.24
-do- Acc	380.43	404.71	+2.04	5.24
High Yield	104.20	110.85	+0.43	6.47
-do- Acc	363.04	386.21	+1.51	6.47
Preference	39.03	41.52	-0.01	9.62
-do- Acc	180.31	191.82	-0.06	9.62
PPT Europe	125.61	133.63	+0.52	0.84
PPT Global Bnd	63.08	67.11	+0.13	5.07
PPT Gold Com	44.47	47.31	-0.12	...
PPT Thai	34.26	36.45	-0.06	0.73
PPT Hong Kong	54.01	57.46	+0.42	1.81
PPT Japan	103.12	109.70	+0.83	.
PPT N Amer	104.76	111.45	-0.31	0.17
PPT S'pore Mly	69.55	73.99	-0.40	..
PPT UK	101.03	107.45	+0.68	1.98
PPT Cash	53.97	53.97	+0.01	9.93

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	83.08	88.27†	-0.43	.
Capital	137.20	145.50	-0.90	2.06
Convertibles	21.91	23.28	+0.01	9.59
Eurofund	33.21	35.15	+0.16	1.14
Mngd Exempt	144.50	150.60†	+0.50	3.49
Growth Inc	198.50	210.90	+1.30	5.33
High Dist	141.50	150.30†	+0.30	7.49
International	270.20	287.10	+0.40	1.74
Intl Income	61.91	66.09†	-0.14	5.98
Pacific	34.93	37.11†	-0.23	1.06
Smllr Jap Cos	62.70	66.62	-0.03	.
Tokyo	173.20	183.40	+1.60	..
Amer Exempt	164.80	169.30†	+1.70	1.06
Japan Exempt	115.30	118.50	-4.10	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	533.60	548.30	-17.10	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	57.56	61.23†	-0.24	1.40
Japanese Acc	54.94	58.45	+0.45	...
UK Balncd Inc	103.20	109.80	-0.30	3.42
-do- Acc	116.70	124.10	-0.30	3.42
UK Growth Acc	172.80	183.80	-0.40	2.90
UK High Inc	111.30	118.40†	-0.50	8.37
-do- Acc	123.50	131.40†	-0.60	8.37
N America Acc	77.45	82.39	-0.36	.12
European Acc	107.10	113.90	+0.50	1.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	56.78	60.23	+0.07	8.90
-do- Acc	81.37	86.31	+0.11	8.90
Intl Sp Sits Acc	42.94	45.68	+0.04	.82
Environmntl Opp	58.83	62.59	-0.14	2.36

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Endurance	144.00	153.10†		1.98

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pelican	99.30	104.53†	..	5.17
High Income	103.11	108.54†	..	6.45
Tst of Inv Tsts	111.70	117.58	..	3.33
Special Sits	94.44	99.41	..	4.39
North American	76.27	80.28	..	1.01
Far Eastern	170.05	179.00	..	1.22
Ind Growth	73.18	77.03	..	1.97
European	55.76	58.69	...	2.04
Smaller Cos	57.39	60.41	...	3.21

EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry
CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	263.80	280.70†	+0.30	3.49
-do- Inc	195.40	207.90†	+0.20	3.49
Higher Inc Acc	457.50	486.80†	+0.50	4.96
-do- Inc	296.10	315.10†	+0.40	4.96
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	142.50	150.10	+0.10	8.70
-do- Inc	82.11	86.44	+0.05	8.70
Nth America	181.90	193.60†	+0.30	..
Far East	227.50	242.10†	+0.50	0.39
Europe	197.00	209.60	-0.20	
General Inc	358.50	381.40	+0.40	3.37
-do- Acc	378.10	402.30	+0.40	3.37
Brit Excell	55.04	58.56†	+0.16	3.21
Brit Fndmtls Inc	55.82	59.39	+0.14	6.02
Brit Fndmtls Acc	67.49	71.80	+0.17	6.02
Global Opps	57.33	60.99†		...

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd,
Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
America	162.40	171.70†	-0.20	...
Cash Unit Tst	133.89	133.89†	-0.03	10.67
European Inc	93.56	100.40†	-0.20	...
Growth Inc	128.30	137.60	+0.30	5.08

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St,
London EC2A 2NY 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European Inc	79.60	84.32	+0.23	3.68
Far Eastern	115.90	123.40†	-0.10	...
Overas Income	70.10	74.55	-0.31	3.22
UK Growth	69.90	74.65	-0.54	1.71
UK Income	96.66	103.40†	-0.60	6.29
US Smaller Cos	140.30	150.00†	-0.50	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	306.40	331.80	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	313.00	339.00	-0.30	...
Capital	256.60	272.90†	-0.40	3.04
-do- Acc	345.10	367.00†	-0.60	3.04
Contl Smllr Cos	41.08	43.78	-0.03	0.12
-do- Acc	41.77	44.52	-0.03	0.12
Convertible	104.90	111.10	-0.20	7.11
-do- Acc	177.00	187.50	-0.50	7.11
European	86.70	92.53	+0.06	0.66
-do- Acc	89.07	95.06	+0.06	0.66
Extra Income	249.80	265.70	-1.10	5.46
-do- Acc	329.40	350.30	-1.40	5.46
Financial	63.55	67.59	-0.03	0.94
-do- Acc	65.76	69.95	-0.02	0.94
Health Fund Inc	104.90	112.80†	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	104.90	112.80†	+0.50	...
Income Tst	163.10	173.40	-0.70	5.17
-do- Acc	208.40	221.60	-0.90	5.17
Intl Growth	251.50	269.30	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	279.20	299.10	-0.20	...
Japan Gen	141.30	151.20	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	142.70	152.80		
Mngd P folio Inc	78.37	82.49	-0.12	2.00
-do- Acc	79.05	83.21	-0.11	2.00
Monthly Income	125.70	133.70†	-0.20	5.51
Recovery	213.80	232.30	-1.30	1.01
-do- Acc	247.20	268.60	-1.40	1.01
Smaller Cos	37.88	40.29	+0.02	3.57
-do- Acc	41.93	44.60	+0.04	3.57
Gilt Gth Inc	61.97	63.91	+0.09	4.96
-do- Acc	67.30	69.41	+0.09	4.96
Gilt Inc Inc	57.78	59.57	+0.03	8.35
-do- Acc	67.98	70.10	+0.04	8.35

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing 0722 411411. Admin 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	281.22	299.17†	+0.41	3.66
-do- Acc	551.86	587.09†	+0.80	3.66
Euro Gth Dist	89.00	93.62	+0.31	0.74
-do- Acc	89.70	95.43	+0.33	0.74
Fixed Int Dist	117.08	123.84	-0.01	7.89
-do- Acc	183.66	194.27	-0.02	7.89
Intl Gth Dist	62.19	66.16	-0.09	0.65
-do- Acc	63.69	67.76	-0.10	0.65
Nth Amer Dist	139.01	147.88	-1.03	1.08
-do- Acc	148.14	157.60	-1.10	1.08
Pac Basin Dist	190.51	202.67	-0.53	0.31
-do- Acc	192.87	205.18	-0.53	0.31
Stewardship Dist	247.41	263.20†	+0.36	2.56
-do- Acc	285.92	304.17†	+0.41	2.56
Stwd Inc Dist	52.52	55.87†	+0.16	5.29
-do- Acc	61.66	65.60†	+0.19	5.29
N Am Stwd Dist	70.67	75.18	-0.75	0.21
-do- Acc	74.51	79.27	-0.80	0.21

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London
EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575 Dealing
071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	91.33	97.68	+0.81	..
UK Capital Inc	144.80	154.90	-0.90	4.11
-do- Acc	238.20	254.60	-1.30	4.11
Uk Spec Sits	56.22	60.13†	+0.09	1.90
Income	99.64	106.60	+0.10	7.67
International	188.50	201.60	+0.20	1.25
US General	65.95	70.30	+0.10	0.65
Japan General	356.10	378.10	+0.10	..
Far East General	188.60	201.70	+0.30	0.31
European	313.10	333.50	+0.60	1.15
Germany	84.68	89.91†	+0.50	0.44
Intl Income	55.89	59.55	-0.05	5.61
W wide Spec Sits	94.03	100.60	+0.60	0.13
Global Assets In	49.07	52.49	-0.16	2.86
Global Assets Ac	50.69	54.22	-0.17	2.86
Smllr Cos Dv	44.31	47.39	+0.10	5.90

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street,
London EC3R 9AJ 071 623 1212 Dealing,
0277 264421 Services 0500 289 336

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Growth Trusts				
British Growth	34.74	37.16	-0.07	2.72
Cash Trust*	117.12	117.12†	+0.02	10.37
Pract Inv Inc	89.26	95.72	+0.04	3.66
-do- Acc	183.74	197.04	+0.07	3.66
UK Smaller Cos	102.09	109.48†	-0.03	2.19
Income Trusts				
Preference Share	22.07	23.60†	-0.05	10.68
High Inc	30.77	32.91	-0.21	5.89
Income	105.30	112.62	+0.03	4.23
Ind Fxd Int	23.67	24.91		6.86
International Trusts				
Gold Ind	65.47	70.21	-0.48	0.94
Euroventures	16.54	17.64	-0.03	0.62
Frontier Markets	33.09	34.41	-0.10	0.52
Global Inc Gth	89.76	96.23†	-0.07	2.95
UK Ind	92.15	98.56	-0.46	2.33
Overseas Trusts				
American	89.62	95.88	-0.04	1.41
European	62.95	66.82	+0.13	1.60
Euro Sel Opps	80.10	85.12	-0.09	1.86
American Emerg	44.50	47.72	-0.30	0.02
Hong Kong	56.79	60.89	-0.10	2.35
Japan	161.18	171.54	+0.47	..
Pacific Growth	88.41	94.81	-0.66	1.19

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,
London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing
071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	104.30	111.55	-0.09	0.72
American Gth	82.55	88.28	-0.61	0.24
European Gth	57.91	61.86	+0.14	1.22
German Honzn	41.22	44.05	+0.39	0.74
Japan Gth	65.99	70.57	-0.20	.
Pacific Inc	95.92	102.58	-0.31	2.51
Pacific Strategy	64.46	68.94	-0.36	0.50
UK Prog Inc	68.12	72.85	-0.69	7.36
Gt British Cos	45.02	48.14	-0.08	2.35
UK Small Cos	39.82	42.59	+0.01	2.83

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London
E14 9GE. 071 538 4666

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	119.90	119.90†		10.21
Gilt Fixed	109.90	116.60	+0.10	8.04
Growth Equity	259.50	277.20	-1.10	3.09
Guardhill	363.00	387.80	-1.50	3.20
Income Trust	97.72	104.40	-1.20	5.59
International	123.00	131.40	-0.30	0.25
Managed	102.10	109.00	+0.30	2.16
Nth American	181.80	194.20†	-1.00	0.60
Pacific	296.40	316.60†	+0.70	...
Prop Shares	205.30	219.30	+0.20	4.46
Small Cos	226.40	241.60†	-0.40	2.12
European	306.40	327.30	-0.30	0.50

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW.
0800 838568

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	29.42	31.19		2.57
-do- Acc	30.09	31.90		2.57

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Equity Inc	51.58	54.73†	-0.38	4.90
Canadian	51.04	54.68†	-0.08	0.18
Equity Income	91.63	97.48†	-0.82	6.36
European	120.50	127.50	+0.30	0.94
High Income	60.38	64.23	-0.65	6.14
Intl Smaller	63.28	67.68	-0.04	...
Japan Far East	88.81	94.23†	-0.20	...
North American	76.77	81.45	-0.69	0.53
Scandinavian	97.28	103.10	-0.30	0.96
Smaller Cos	26.27	27.95		2.79
UK New Genrtn	35.93	38.22	+0.03	2.15

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1XT. Enquiries 0277 227300. Dealing
0277 690370

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	61.34	65.99†	-0.19	...
Asian Enterprise	75.14	80.60	-0.45	1.81
Australian	121.63	130.02†	-1.88	3.79
European	289.53	306.63†	-0.07	0.83
European Inc	58.03	61.38	-0.07	2.84
Euro Sml Co	102.71	109.27†	+0.27	1.05
Extra Income	231.03	245.94	-1.59	6.63
Family of Funds	56.09	59.71	+0.10	1.61
Fixed Interest	49.99	54.23	+0.01	8.80
Global Resour	70.75	75.94	-0.19	1.88
High Inc	254.70	272.26†	-1.61	6.12
Income Gth	207.69	221.18	-0.78	5.45
-do- Acc	491.22	523.14	-1.84	5.45
International	182.81	194.27†	-0.26	1.33
Japan Spc Sit	187.32	198.73†	-0.11	...
Japan	163.72	174.10	+0.75	...
N Amer	165.68	176.22	-0.67	0.43
Pacific Smllr Cos	122.81	131.59†	-0.43	0.09
Pref Gilt	39.84	43.71†	-0.10	12.23
Smaller Cos Div	143.23	156.12†	+0.18	5.48
Special Sits	221.76	237.34	-0.49	1.96
-do- Acc	333.06	356.47	-0.73	1.96
Best of British	48.45	51.93†	-0.47	3.69
Spirit of the East	40.33	43.09†	-0.12	0.60

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon.
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
British	76.39	81.70†	-0.22	3.40
Capital	131.90	141.00	-0.20	2.89
Dollar	224.60	240.20†	-1.80	0.69
European	161.70	172.90		1.44
Far East	163.20	174.50	-0.50	1.83
Financial	495.90	530.30	+3.30	3.70
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	23.50	24.41†	-0.01	9.64
High Yield	90.08	96.34	-0.65	6.20
Income	113.00	120.80†	-2.00	4.71
Intl	169.10	180.80	-0.90	1.15
Japan Tech	58.10	62.13	+0.10	...
Nat Resources	51.54	55.12	-0.33	1.49
Security	253.30	270.90	-0.10	3.11
Smaller Cos	88.92	95.10†	-0.01	2.13
Special Sits	122.60	131.10	-0.90	3.28
US Smaller Cos	49.05	52.45	+0.19	...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN.
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	181.50	191.10	+0.40	2.02
Capital Gwth	92.05	96.89	+0.54	2.86
Inv Trusts	98.16	103.30	+0.20	0.93

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4YR.
071 626 3434. Dealing 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great British	42.08	45.16	+0.02	2.87
Smaller Cos	21.99	23.36	-0.03	2.37
Special Features	23.03	24.46†	-0.14	2.42
-do- Acc	26.40	28.04	-0.15	2.42
General Funds				
UK Growth	44.86	47.66†	-0.05	3.0
Assets Earnings	62.71	66.62	-0.08	3.35
do Acc	70.94	75.26	-0.10	3.35
Managed Invest	71.19	76.03	-0.07	1.11
Rupert Children	65.21	69.65	-0.29	2.9
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.03	51.03	+0.01	10.50
Extra Inc	72.26	78.04	-0.81	6.41
Gilt	25.61	26.98	+0.01	7.86
Income Gth	32.94	35.34†	-0.28	4.58
MIMstar	68.77	70.51†	+0.04	9.67
Preference	14.94	15.87	-0.01	9.99
UK Income	261.60	281.00†	-0.40	4.72
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	36.44	38.71†	-0.19	0.73
Find Sec	44.11	46.86	+0.03	3.19
Gold	36.14	38.65	-0.38	2.21
-do- Acc	38.12	40.76	-0.41	2.21
Intl Leisure	20.68	21.97	-0.07	0.21
Property Shares	52.21	55.47	-0.26	2.59
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	119.20	125.90†	-1.20	5.51
European Acc	91.34	96.93	+0.06	2.02
European Dist	88.89	94.32	+0.05	2.02
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	34.78	37.03	-0.30	1.73
European Perf	86.86	92.12	+0.05	1.43
-do- Acc	87.96	93.29	+0.06	1.43
Euro Small Cos	17.83	18.94†	+0.02	1.34
French Growth	50.69	53.74	+0.21	2.03
-do- Acc	52.87	56.06	+0.22	2.03
Hong K/China	36.93	39.24	+0.04	2.83
Intl Growth	40.42	42.94†	-0.05	1.68
Japan Perf	31.26	33.18	+0.18	.
Accum Units	31.26	33.18	+0.18	...
Japan Smllr Cos	30.31	32.22	+0.15	...
Singapore Asean	53.57	57.93	-0.47	1.23
-do- Acc	53.91	58.29	-0.47	1.23
South East Asia	145.40	155.90	-0.70	1.62
US Smllr Cos	83.35	88.55	-0.37	.
-do- Acc	84.23	89.49	-0.36	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	64.58	68.69	-0.51	4.31
Intl Bond	44.86	47.23	-0.09	7.53

KEY FUND MANAGERS
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF.
061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity General	58.94	62.71	+0.08	4.04
Gilt Fixed Int	68.46	72.45	+0.13	8.61
Higher Income	158.90	168.70	-0.10	6.48
Income	85.44	91.38	-0.08	5.89
International	70.94	76.29†	-0.12	2.63
Smaller Cos	58.37	62.43†	+0.03	3.70

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3.
071 956 6600 Dealing 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	62.98	63.29†	+0.01	10.59
Extra Income	46.88	49.87	+0.05	6.64
Gilt Yield	109.80	115.90	+0.10	9.05
Global Income	159.10	169.30†	-3.24	4.73
High Yield	114.10	121.40†	+1.72	6.04
Smllr Cos Div	41.34	43.98†	+0.13	6.37
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	66.47	70.71	-0.24	0.35
North American	56.37	59.97	-0.39	1.39
European	110.80	117.90	+0.30	0.78
Euro Special	70.19	74.67	-0.07	1.33
Fund of Inv Tsts	27.04	28.77	+0.10	2.64
General	247.80	263.60	-0.30	3.61
Intl Recovery	107.90	114.80	-0.30	1.78
Japan	351.40	373.80	+1.60	..
Japanese Special	186.00	197.90	-0.20	
Master Acc	192.60	204.90†	-0.60	1.08
Pacific	196.00	208.50†	+0.10	0.41
Smaller Cos	88.00	93.62	+0.09	3.93
UK Equity Gth	29.83	31.73	+0.71	3.44

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB.
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	54.86	58.36	+0.13	1.50
Extra Income	22.25	23.67†	+0.23	5.48
Far East	18.64	19.83†	-0.02	1.00
Income Gwth	59.57	63.37	-0.08	4.21
Intl Growth	38.76	41.23†	-0.05	1.68
Japan	48.81	51.93	+0.48	...
Maximum Dist*	98.55	100.60†	+0.10	10.3
N Amer Equity	28.24	30.04	-0.17	1.31
UK Equity	70.16	74.64†	-0.02	4.12

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1.
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	46.10	49.05	+0.03	5.05

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex.
Enq 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	371.00	394.70	-0.50	3.61
Equity Acc	676.70	719.90	-1.00	3.61
Equity Income	82.64	87.92	-0.44	5.19
European	79.58	84.66	+0.15	1.09
Far Eastern	127.10	135.20	+0.10	..
Fixed Interest	45.19	48.07	-0.05	8.09
Gilt	80.82	85.52†	+0.05	7.60
Global Growth	51.47	54.76	+0.06	0.75
Ind Bond	44.28	47.11	-0.19	5.14
Japanese	55.70	59.26†	+0.35	..
Overseas Equity	79.31	84.37	-0.09	0.73
Nat Resources	74.70	79.47†	+0.06	0.82
North American	98.83	105.10	-0.30	1.48
UK Recovery	60.40	64.26†	-0.09	3.14
UK Special Sits	90.15	95.90	-0.28	2.64
Worldwide	63.25	67.29	-0.08	3.69

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent
ME4 4JF. 0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Balanced	274.10	288.60†	-5.20	3.74
-do- Acc	575.20	605.50	-11.00	3.74
Contl Euro Gth	40.71	42.86†	-0.05	1.67
-do- Acc	42.53	44.77	-0.06	1.67
Energy Ind	56.82	60.45	-0.11	0.14
-do- Acc	68.19	72.55	-0.13	0.14
Extra Inc	217.20	228.70	-1.20	5.30
-do- Acc	493.70	519.70	-2.90	5.30
German Gth	87.77	92.39†	+0.34	0.54
-do- Acc	91.49	96.31	+0.37	0.54
Income	398.70	419.70†	-1.60	4.93
-do- Acc	971.60	1023.0	-4.00	4.93
Intl Tech	187.30	197.20†	-0.70	0.15
-do- Acc	200.40	211.00	-0.70	0.15
Japan Growth	83.61	88.95	+0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	83.90	89.26	+0.39	0.01
Master Trust	44.69	47.02	-0.06	3.60
-do- Acc	47.56	50.05	-0.06	3.60
N American Gen	142.40	151.50	-0.80	0.71
-do- Acc	163.80	174.30	-0.90	0.71
NAm Sm Co Rec	98.82	104.10†	-0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	100.90	106.30	-0.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	156.30	166.30	-0.30	0.17
-do- Acc	163.80	174.30	-0.30	0.17
Small Cos Rec	269.10	283.30†	+0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	338.60	356.50	+0.20	2.39
UK Growth	75.86	79.86	+1.72	3.15
-do- Acc	84.95	89.43	+1.93	3.15
Worldwide Gth	221.10	232.80	-0.40	1.08
-do- Acc	322.50	339.50	-0.70	1.08

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS.
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	66.39	71.23†	-0.14	3.9
Income	52.70	56.55	-0.14	6.4
International	43.72	46.91	-0.14	1.7
American	42.97	46.10	-0.39	1.4
Japan	40.72	43.69	-0.03	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	43.37	46.53†	+0.03	2.6

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.
071 626 4588. Dealing 0245 266266

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gen	280.20	296.20	-1.10	0.79
-do- Acc	343.60	363.30	-1.30	0.79
American Rec	269.30	284.80†	-2.30	0.66
-do- Acc	306.80	324.50	-2.50	0.66
Am Sm Co Acc	82.70	87.50		...
Australia Acc	129.60	137.00	-1.80	1.46
Capital	512.60	542.10	-3.10	4.33
-do- Acc	541.10	572.30	-3.20	4.33
Commodity Acc	344.80	364.70	-2.60	2.16
Compnd Gth	671.60	710.20	-2.90	4.18
Dividend	28.80	30.80	-0.30	6.03
-do- Acc	103.90	111.10	-1.20	6.03
Equity Inc	244.80	261.90	+0.30	6.6
European Div	48.80	51.60	-0.10	5.48
-do- Acc	391.40	414.00	-0.40	1.48
Extra Yield	321.50	340.00	-2.70	6.37
-do- Acc	868.80	918.80	-7.20	6.37
Far Eastern	191.40	202.40		0.99
-do- Acc	247.60	261.80	-0.10	0.99
Fund of Inv	403.70	426.90†	+0.10	2.84
-do- Acc	712.50	753.40	+0.20	2.84
General	46.70	49.40	-0.20	4.91
-do- Acc	115.30	122.00	-0.70	4.91
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.80	60.70†		9.65
do Acc	130.00	136.60	+0.10	9.65
Gold	35.10	37.10	-0.20	2.08
-do- Acc	40.30	42.60	-0.20	2.08
High Inc	20.90	22.10	-0.10	6.34
-do- Acc	71.10	75.10	-0.50	6.34
Intl Growth	53.90	57.00		1.01
-do- Acc	91.80	97.10	-0.10	1.01
Intl Inc	68.40	72.30†	-0.50	5.9
Japan Gen Acc	42.70	45.20	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	126.80	134.00	+0.10	...
Midland	45.20	47.80†	-0.40	5.45
-do- Acc	136.10	144.00	-1.00	5.45
Recovery	29.00	30.70	-0.10	4.61
-do- Acc	43.60	46.20	-0.20	4.61
Second Gen	49.50	52.30	-0.80	5.01
-do- Acc	113.80	120.30	-1.50	5.01
Smaller Cos	53.50	56.60		4.22
-do- Acc	96.00	101.60	-0.10	4.22
Trustee	31.20	33.00†	-0.10	5.53
Charibond 3	‡102.22	‡	+0.10	10.55
Charifund 2	532.80	538.20†	-3.80	6.77
Pension ex 1	730.20	748.50†	-4.70	5.26
NAACIF Inc 3	‡41.57	‡		9.46
-do- Acc 3	‡859.10			9.46

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X. CH99 9QG
0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	112.80	120.60		3.16
-do- Acc	120.80	129.10		3.16
UK Income	96.40	103.10	-0.40	4.02
-do- Acc	102.70	109.80	-0.40	4.02

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	47.67	50.98		1.47
Far East (Pacific)	95.26	101.10	-0.40	1.26
Income Growth	63.76	67.68†	-0.37	4.16
European	54.74	58.11	+0.06	1.07
Nth American	38.42	40.78	-0.30	0.78
UK Growth	60.03	63.72†	-0.07	2.21
Intl Growth	69.61	73.89†	-0.33	1.20
Charities	91.44	97.07†	-0.65	5.41
High Yield	45.59	48.39†	-0.36	6.87
Intl Income	50.56	53.67	-0.06	5.99
Japan	39.68	42.12		

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS.
071 280 2060

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	133.80	142.80†	-1.30	0.71
-do- Acc	142.90	152.50†	-1.60	0.71
American Inc	35.07	37.27†	-0.38	6.80
-do- Acc	49.48	52.58†	-0.53	6.80
Cash	100.60	100.60†		10.2
-do- Acc	117.30	117.30†		10.2
European Gth	154.50	164.20	-0.20	1.06
-do- Acc	164.00	174.30	-0.20	1.06
General	398.30	424.90	-0.50	2.67
-do- Acc	728.50	777.10	-1.00	2.67
Global Dist	104.50	109.90†	-0.20	6.37
-do- Acc	108.40	114.00†	-0.20	6.37
Govt Securities	87.54	92.02	+0.08	7.93
-do- Acc	139.70	147.00	+0.20	7.93
Income	118.40	126.30	-0.30	5.60
-do- Acc	161.20	171.90	-0.50	5.60
International	288.70	307.10	-1.80	1.11
-do- Acc	377.60	401.60	-2.40	1.11
Japan	161.80	171.70	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	166.10	176.20	+0.20	...
Recovery	244.40	260.70†	-0.80	3.96
-do- Acc	297.90	317.80†	-1.00	3.96
European Inc	61.15	64.97	-0.09	5.13
-do- Acc	74.14	78.77	-0.11	5.13
Amer Smllr Cos	56.06	59.80†	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	56.83	60.62†	-0.40	...
Brit Blue Chip	62.22	66.37†	-0.11	3.61
-do- Acc	70.59	75.30†	-0.13	3.61
Portfolio	61.05	65.00†	-0.16	3.28
-do- Acc	66.43	70.73†	-0.18	3.28
High Income	47.87	50.85†	-0.12	7.08
-do- Acc	59.27	63.23†	-0.15	7.08
Pacific	54.47	58.11	-0.57	1.88
-do- Acc	56.96	60.76	-0.60	1.88
UK Smaller Cos	43.87	46.80	-0.05	2.65
-do- Acc	47.70	50.88	-0.05	2.65
Am Sm Cos Eqy	56.76	58.22†	-0.35	...
-do- Acc	57.22	58.69†	-0.35	...

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield,
S1 3RD. 0742 529888

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
British Dist	68.25	72.99	-0.01	2.79
-do- Acc	73.33	78.43	-0.01	2.79
Capital	87.01	93.06	-0.15	3.01
-do- Acc	130.80	139.90	-0.20	3.01
European Gth	137.20	146.10	+0.20	1.30
-do- Acc	170.30	181.40	+0.30	1.30
Extra High Inc	63.12	67.51†	-0.47	7.41
-do- Acc	99.30	106.20	-0.70	7.41
Gilt Fixed Int	51.48	53.61	+0.06	9.82
-do- Acc	122.60	127.60	+0.10	9.82
High Yield	188.30	201.40†	-5.10	6.14
-do- Acc	411.80	440.40	-11.00	6.14
Income	245.60	262.70	+2.10	4.66
-do- Acc	483.30	516.90	+4.20	4.66
Intl High St Dist	61.87	66.17	-0.10	1.51
-do- Acc	65.36	69.90	-0.11	1.51
Japan Gth	265.60	284.10	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	279.80	299.20	+1.40	...
Mandarin Acc	62.53	66.88	-0.54	1.72
North Americap	125.20	133.90	-0.60	1.34
-do- Acc	156.30	167.20	-0.70	1.34
Mngd Port Acc	69.55	74.39	-0.17	1.66
Meridian Gth	123.10	131.70		1.82
Meridian Inc	98.36	105.20	-0.50	4.11
Smaller Cos	112.50	120.30	-0.90	2.65
-do- Acc	131.40	140.50	-1.00	2.65

MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT.
Dealing 071 826 0826. Enquiries 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	166.80	178.10	-1.40	0.80
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†	+0.02	10.15
Cash Acc	111.96	111.96†	+0.02	10.15
Euro Gth Acc	199.00	211.90	+0.10	...
Europa	103.30	110.80	+0.20	...
Intl Gth	143.20	152.60†	-0.80	...
Japan Tracker	63.28	67.11†	+0.17	...
UK Equity Inc	115.50	123.90†	-0.20	4.35
-do- Acc	133.20	142.90†	-0.20	4.35
UK Ind Tracker	123.80	132.10	-0.20	3.73
US Eq Ind Trkr	140.70	150.90	-0.80	2.99
-do- Acc	146.10	156.70	-0.90	2.99
Asian Trader	81.98	87.90†	-0.08	1.79

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX.
0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Inc	130.50	137.70	-1.10	3.05
European	53.33	56.76	-0.02	1.24
Far Eastern	109.60	116.80	-0.20	1.33
Olympiad	46.93	49.89	-0.01	0.68
Olympiad Inc	43.02	46.45†	-0.58	5.29
Smaller Cos	48.45	51.70†	-0.13	2.78
Equity Income	82.84	88.40	-0.12	5.63
UK Growth	76.61	81.77	-0.04	1.27

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour,
Portsmouth. Enquiries 0705 372222. Dealing
0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Acc	35.56	37.93	-0.23	1.08
Australian Acc	238.90	256.30	-3.60	2.09
Conscience	54.07	57.70	+0.03	1.35
-do- Acc	57.10	60.93	+0.03	1.35
European	139.90	149.20†	+0.30	1.05
-do- Acc	148.60	158.50	+0.40	1.05
Extra Income	63.95	68.24	+0.13	8.95
-do- Acc	89.79	95.82	+0.19	8.95
Far East Gth	101.80	108.80†	-0.20	...
Gilt Fxd Inc	53.24	56.36	+0.07	8.09
Gold	27.99	30.09†	-0.07	...
-do- Acc	30.14	32.40	-0.08	...
Income	46.50	49.60	-0.40	6.03
-do- Acc	129.60	138.20	-1.20	6.03
International	34.32	36.09†	-0.06	0.42
-do- Acc	34.78	37.31	-0.08	0.42
Jap Sm Cos Acc	334.10	356.30	-0.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	99.42	106.60	-0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.33	27.23	-0.06	2.39
Special Sits	26.73	28.74†	-0.13	0.90
-do- Acc	30.03	32.29	-0.15	0.90
Tokyo	68.93	73.52	+0.26	...
-do- Acc	69.62	74.26	+0.25	...
US Smllr Co Acc	61.03	65.27†	-0.06	...
UK Equity	138.90	148.10	-0.70	4.13
-do- Acc	247.90	264.40	-1.00	4.13

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA.
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
General	128.92	137.15†	+0.11	2.89
Global	220.59	234.68†	+0.24	1.07
Income	158.83	168.97†	-0.08	5.27
International	100.93	107.38†	-0.02	7.47
Cash	101.53	101.53†	+0.02	10.04

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 500, Thorpewood, Peterborough
PE3 6GD. Dealing 0800 626577. Enquiries
0733 67767

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Growth	119.30	125.50	-0.20	3.04
-do- Acc	201.80	212.40	-0.30	3.04
Income	184.30	196.00†	-0.70	4.77
Intl Equity	176.10	187.30		1.52
-do- Acc	190.70	202.90		1.52
Equity	190.50	202.60	-0.40	2.93
-do- Acc	373.10	396.80	-0.70	2.93
UK Ind 25 Acc	55.78	59.34	-0.15	2.59
UK Income	50.69	53.92	-0.32	4.60
UK Smllr Co Acc	54.52	58.00	+0.03	2.19
New Europe Acc	51.93	55.24	+0.16	1.39

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames.
0491 576868

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	45.75	48.94	+0.05	1.33
PEP Gth Inc	71.26	76.22	-0.35	2.28
Intl Gth	357.98	382.87	+2.64	0.56
Income	229.24	245.18†	-0.39	4.78
W wide Recov	215.08	230.04	+1.07	1.13
American Gth	135.34	144.75	+0.33	0.15
Intl Emerg Cos	112.94	120.80	-0.81	0.81
Far East Gth	123.70	132.30	+1.26	1.22
European Gth	85.66	91.62	+0.32	1.71
UK Growth	56.43	60.36	-0.76	3.94
High Income	64.27	68.74	+0.82	5.56
Japanese Gth	154.96	165.38	+1.05	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London.
EC4N 8LD. Dealing 0800 282443

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
International	149.80	159.40†	-0.70	1.51
High Income	86.07	91.57†	-0.54	8.05
Conv Gilt	100.10	106.50	+0.10	8.21
Far East	224.00	238.80	-0.60	0.92
Nth American	174.50	186.00†	-1.70	...

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent
ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	37.64	40.04	-0.08	0.73
Emerging Mkts	37.77	40.18	+0.32	0.37
General	41.63	44.29	-0.32	3.84
International	69.32	73.74	-0.05	1.55
Gilt Units	23.68	24.41†	+0.08	8.82
Global PEP	29.10	30.96†	+0.05	2.44
Income Gth	58.02	61.72†	+0.25	5.96
European	37.32	39.70	-0.07	1.34
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.76	24.21		7.92
UK Smaller Cos	21.39	22.75	+0.09	3.22

PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/60 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL.
081 478 3377

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Holb Trust	24.16	25.83	+0.04	1.58
Holb Cash Havn	107.09	107.09	+0.02	10.82
Holb Equity	575.41	615.41†	+3.37	3.19
Holb Equity Inc	66.18	70.78†	+0.25	5.10
Holb European	139.58	149.28	+0.31	2.25
Holb Global Gth	62.37	66.70	+0.27	2.38
Holb High Inc	74.73	79.92	+0.19	6.18
Holb Intl	123.55	132.13	+0.43	1.33
Holb Intl Sm Co	52.00	56.32†	-0.08	1.50
Holb Japanese	143.70	153.68	+0.49	...
Holb Nth Amer	96.26	102.95†	+0.40	0.96
Holb Pacific Mkt	52.23	55.86	-0.30	2.42
Holb Premr Inc	43.98	45.78†	+0.01	8.40
Holb Smllr Cos	70.47	75.36†	+0.06	2.63
Holb Spec Sits	85.80	91.76	+0.41	3.07
Holb UK Growth	94.40	100.96	+0.44	3.35

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR.
Dealing 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Income	127.11	137.00†	-1.62	4.48
Japan	195.37	209.61	+1.22	...
Major UK Cos	80.87	87.07	-0.57	2.71
Smllr Australn	67.35	72.33	-0.70	2.18
America Income	335.35	359.00	-2.35	1.10
-do- Acc	387.43	414.75	-2.72	1.10
Smllr UK Cos	196.68	214.75	-0.12	2.54
Smllr Canadian	43.06	47.03	-0.10	...
Smllr European	199.93	213.76	+0.28	1.31

SAVE & PROSPER
28 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB.
0708 766966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	51.79	55.09†	-1.10	5.84
Capital Units	117.00	125.40	+0.10	2.13
Commodity	83.24	88.55	-0.45	1.82
European Gth	122.40	130.20†		0.77
Financial Sec	118.70	126.20	-0.10	2.80
High Return	221.80	235.90	-2.60	6.95
High Yield	205.70	218.80†	-1.30	5.24
Income Units	97.81	104.00	-0.80	8.01
Investment	135.40	144.00†	+0.20	1.51
Japan Gth	109.70	116.70	+0.10	...
Japan Smaller	173.60	184.60	-1.50	...
Masterfund	37.89	40.30	-0.09	1.87
Scotbits	169.80	180.60		3.03
Scotshares	243.70	259.20	-0.10	3.46
Scotyields	206.80	219.90	-2	5.91
Select Intl	100.60	107.00†	-0.80	0.49
Smaller Cos	211.60	225.10†		5.31
Special Situation	96.42	102.50	-0.10	2.03
UK Equity	218.60	232.50	-1.40	4.02
US Growth	102.60	109.10	-0.50	0.43

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS.
Dealing 071 606 8484. Enquiries 071 382 3800

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	172.90	184.40†	+0.60	0.95
-do- Acc	185.90	198.20	+0.60	0.95
Australian	120.10	128.10	-2.40	1.19
-do- Acc	138.30	147.50	-2.70	1.19
Enterprise	159.00	169.50	+0.90	3.73
-do- Acc	176.30	188.00	+1.10	3.73
European Gth	51.75	55.19	+0.12	1.00
-do- Acc	52.50	55.99	+0.13	1.00
Euro Smllr Cos	48.83	52.08	+0.16	0.17
-do- Acc	48.98	52.24	+0.15	0.17
Far Eastern Gth	49.36	52.65	+0.17	0.19
-do- Acc	50.07	53.40	+0.17	0.19
Fixed Interest	48.35	50.96	+0.01	8.69
-do- Acc	54.73	57.68	+0.01	8.69
Gilt Income	95.64	100.70	+0.10	9.45
-do- Acc	120.50	127.00	+0.20	9.45
Income	250.70	267.40	+0.80	5.58
-do- Acc	690.70	736.70	+2.10	5.58
Japan Smllr Cos	387.00	412.80	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	387.80	413.60	-1.40	...
Pacific Gth	51.81	55.26	-0.10	1.65
-do- Acc	52.64	56.14	-0.10	1.65
Smaller Cos	156.00	166.40	-0.40	1.74
-do- Acc	175.70	187.40	-0.40	1.74
Tokyo	83.07	88.60	+0.43	0.18
-do- Acc	83.91	89.50	+0.44	0.18
UK Equity	171.10	182.50	+1.00	3.74
-do- Acc	303.60	323.80	+1.80	3.74
US Smllr Cos	69.18	73.79†	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	69.18	73.79	+0.37	...
World Fd	57.33	61.15	+0.27	1.98
-do- Acc	59.12	63.06	+0.27	1.98

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ.
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Income	37.86	40.32	-0.84	5.21
Equity Strategy	54.50	58.04	...	3.86
European Opps	59.64	63.52	+0.17	1.20
Maximum Inc	99.45	102.03	+0.03	9.93
UK Smaller Cos	45.00	47.92	...	3.18

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	289.80	309.90	-1.30	3.82
American	177.90	188.80	-0.70	1.12
Pacific	252.50	270.10	-0.60	0.49
European	354.90	379.60	+1.30	1.50
Worldwide	66.41	71.03	-0.02	1.62

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN.
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	265.50	282.50	-0.20	3.52
UK Sm Cos Eqty	206.90	220.20		2.73
European	262.10	278.90†	-0.80	1.06
North American	183.80	195.60†	-1.40	0.96
Income Plus Inc	56.13	59.72†	-0.14	5.43
UK Spec Sits	60.37	64.23†	+0.14	2.41

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA.
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	21.83	23.36†	-0.07	3.87
Intl Growth Acc	23.01	24.63†	+0.01	0.79
Global Inc Acc	23.19	24.82	-0.03	5.39
Market Lnkd Acc	22.31	23.88	-0.33	4.19

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London
EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	55.18	59.01	+0.03	0
Euro Spec Sits	35.39	37.67†		0
-do- Acc	36.93	39.31		0
Far East Opps	19.17	20.61	-0.12	0
-do- Acc	19.55	21.02	-0.11	0
General Growth	83.90	89.49	+0.49	2.13
Global Tech	86.54	93.10†	+0.74	0
Income Growth	87.89	93.51	+0.31	5.28
Income Monthly	51.60	55.04	+0.27	6.48
Japan Growth	72.54	77.04	+0.25	0
Mngd Eqy Plan	33.84	36.21	+0.33	2.29
-do- Acc	38.20	40.88	+0.35	2.29
Overseas Gth	59.72	63.50†	-0.02	0
Smaller Cos	70.48	75.78†	-0.15	3.09
Special Opps	74.91	80.54	-0.08	4.13
Wld Spec Sits	33.12	35.60	-0.16	0
-do- Acc	33.15	35.69	-0.17	0

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ.
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	35.98	38.23	-0.10	2.47
Equity Gth Acc	49.07	52.14		2.11
UK Eq General	47.09	50.04	-0.10	3.24
-do- Acc	36.85	39.16†	-0.10	3.24
European Acc	35.09	37.29		1.56
Far East Acc	42.70	45.37	-0.20	0.20
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.65	29.24†		7.64
N American Acc	34.54	36.70		0.49
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	216.50	235.00	-0.70	2.16
UK Eq High Inc	32.73	34.78†	-0.40	5.67
-do- Acc	36.80	39.11	-0.50	5.67
UK Lgr Cos Inc	240.80	267.90†	-0.60	4.40
UK Lgr Cos Acc	306.50	332.60	-0.80	4.40

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	284.20	303.20†	-0.70	1.37
British	826.90	874.80	+2.20	5.93
European	314.80	335.20†	+1.20	1.54
Japan	114.00	121.10		
New Pacific	171.80	182.50	-0.60	1.90
Mngd Cash	96.34	99.11	+0.02	10.06
Majority Stg	100.27	101.26	+0.02	9.99
PEP	145.60	154.10		3.65
Saints PPP	285.50	303.70		...

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance House, Horsham, Sussex.
0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	617.60	660.50	+0.80	3.10
N America Acc	76.99	82.34	-0.56	1.05
Far East Acc	90.80	97.10	+0.20	1.00
W wide Bond	47.19	50.20†	-0.13	5.51
European	66.04	70.63†	+0.24	1.15
Equity Income	69.75	74.60	-0.05	5.51

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ.
Dealing 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Gth	25.22	26.98	-0.19	0.56
Managed Assets	103.41	110.60	-0.34	3.79
UK Income	32.68	34.96	-0.25	4.61
UK Growth	32.25	34.50	-0.14	3.36
Worldwide Gth	23.52	25.18†	-0.15	0.98

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE.
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American	151.64	161.31	-1.42	0.05
-do- Acc	166.54	177.17	-1.56	0.05
British Gth	75.78	80.61†	+0.72	3.09
-do- Acc	86.27	91.77†	+0.82	3.09
European	72.71	77.35	+0.44	1.23
-do- Acc	76.08	80.93	+0.45	1.23
Extra Inc	163.28	173.70	-0.39	5.31
-do- Acc	242.90	258.40	-0.58	5.31
General Unit	231.64	246.42	+0.62	3.47
-do- Acc	438.81	466.81	+1.16	3.47
Income	295.41	314.26	-1.60	5.32
-do- Acc	562.83	598.75	-3.05	5.32
International	393.40	418.51†	+0.38	0.47
-do- Acc	510.23	542.79†	+0.48	0.47
Pacific	224.25	238.56	-2.86	0.51
-do- Acc	234.32	249.27	-2.99	0.51
Premier Income	45.21	47.09†	+0.02	8.72
-do- Acc	85.70	89.27†	+0.03	8.72
Nat Resources	66.01	70.22†	+0.05	0.85
-do- Acc	72.04	76.63†	+0.05	0.85
Selected Opps	80.92	86.08	+1.69	2.68
-do- Acc	99.04	105.36	+2.07	2.68

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
The Exchange, 66 High St, Aylesbury,
Bucks HP20 1SE 0296 312156

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Eagle	78.83	84.43	-1.00	1.04
Australia	6.91	7.40	-0.07	1.62
Equity	165.90	177.70	-0.40	4.58
Euro Spec Sits	115.50	122.80	+0.50	0.71
Financial	29.02	31.11†	+0.01	4.59
Global Opps Inc	68.79	73.75†	-0.10	1.45
-do- Acc	70.28	75.35	-0.11	1.45
Gold Gen Inc	37.44	40.28†	-0.18	1.03
-do- Acc	70.37	75.69	-0.39	1.03
Income	104.10	111.80†	-0.60	6.20
Japan General	132.50	142.00	+0.90	...
Preference	19.55	21.01†	-0.03	10.41
UK Capital	92.66	99.57	+0.09	3.78
Worldwide Cap	173.30	185.30	-0.60	2.47
World Income	67.88	72.76†	-0.61	4.56

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF.
071 493 7262. Dealing 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
American Opps	67.82	72.33	+0.85	0.15
-do- Acc	69.95	74.61	+0.89	0.15
Cash	50.45	50.45†	+0.01	10.00
-do- Acc	55.75	55.75†	+0.01	10.00
European Opps	54.96	58.55	+0.06	...
-do- Acc	55.26	58.88	+0.06	...
Far East Opps	119.31	127.25	-0.18	0.54
-do- Acc	121.33	129.41	-0.19	0.54
Gold Opps	27.47	29.30	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	28.26	30.13	-0.22	...
Sanyo Japan	68.66	73.11	+0.27	...
-do- Acc	68.66	73.11	+0.27	...
Little Dragons	38.61	41.18	-0.13	0.61
-do- Acc	39.27	41.88	-0.13	0.61
Oriental Income	32.79	34.88	-0.18	5.01
-do- Acc	39.78	42.32	-0.21	5.01
Tiger	136.43	145.52	+0.24	0.79
-do- Acc	140.85	150.23	+0.24	0.79
UK Small Cos	55.53	59.38	+0.08	1.02
-do- Acc	62.20	66.53	+0.09	1.02

UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
United Charities	200.20	213.50†	-0.40	5.03

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ.
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	10.21	10.86	-0.22	0.5
Pacific Basin	26.21	27.88	-0.29	0.6
Canadian Gth	34.09	36.26	-0.22	0.1
Global Bond	51.01	51.05	...	7.72
Penny Share	20.06	21.34	-0.02	0.5

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT.
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
City Reserve	55.83	55.83	+0.01	10.65
Gilt Growth	55.95	58.22	+0.03	...
Gilt Income	48.17	50.13	+0.02	10.28
Short Dtd Gilt	93.38	94.59	+0.01	2.57
US Govmnt Bd	80.66	80.67†	+0.00	...
Challenger	69.57	71.22†	-0.13	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG.
0705 388046

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	54.71	58.20	+0.18	3.26

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ASDA Gp	3,900	Cadburys	1,000	Lonrho	1,400	Royal Ins	5,300
Abbey Natl	672	Cm Union	732	Lucas	836	Ryl Bk Scot	968
Alld-Lyons	2,200	Courtaulds	133	MEPC	158	Sainsbury	4,600
Anglian W	132	Enterpr Oil	441	Marks Spr	1,600	Scot & New	1,700
Argyll Gp	2,700	Eurotnnl U	1,100	Maxwell C	2,900	Scot Power	1,700
Arjo Wiggn	655	Fisons	5,700	Midlnd Bk	2,000	Sears	3,000
AB Foods	18	Forte	1,600	NatWst Bk	2,100	Svrn Trent	757
BAA	2,300	GRE	2,200	Nat Power	4,000	Shell Trans	1,200
BAT Inds	2,300	GUS A	259	Nth Wst W	547	SmKl Bch	2,200
BET	3,100	Gen Acc	1,700	Nthn Fds	562	Smith Nph	5,100
BICC	576	Gen Elec	5,500	P & O	969	Sun Allnce	742
BOC	270	Glaxo	7,600	Pearson	358	TSB	1,800
BP	3,000	Grand Met	1,000	Pilkington	3,000	Tarmac	892
BTR	1,500	Guinness	1,300	PowerGen	1,200	Tate & Lyle	988
Bk of Scot	2,300	Hanson	4,200	Prudential	3,600	Tesco	5,200
Barclays	2,300	Hawkr Sid	929	RMC	105	Thames W	317
Bass	708	Hillsdown	107	RTZ	873	Thrn EMI	805
Blue Circle	128	ICI	407	Rank Org	3,800	Traf House	2,900
Boots	1,200	Inchcape	704	Reckitt Col	2,300	Unilever	1,800
Brit Aero	1,600	Kingfisher	766	Redland	1,100	Utd Bisc	850
Brit Airwy	25,000	LASMO	1,500	Reed Intl	907	Vodafone	781
Brit Gas	4,900	Ladbroke	4,300	Rentokil	1,000	Wellcome	1,500
Brit Steel	58,000	Land Secs	424	Reuters	1,100	Whitbd 'A'	578
Brit Tele	5,000	Legal & Gn	1,300	Rolls Royce	5,200	Wlms Hld	486
Cable Wire	1,500	Lloyds Bk	1,200	Rothmans	217	Willis Crrn	728

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3051.65 (+9.39)
S&P Composite ...... 395.58 (+2.46)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge . 24667.73 (+434.74)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4253.02 (+22.11)

FT-SE Euro 100 1106.72 (+6.41)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 91.8 (+1.6)

Sydney: AO .... 1676.8 (-16.5)

Frankfurt: DAX 1621.22 (+12.20)

Brussels:
General .... 5524.99 (-9.25)

Paris: CAC .... 496.90 (+1.99)

Zurich: SKA Gen ...... 502.0 (+2.1)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1242.07 (+7.20)
FT 500 .... 1387.40 (+7.34)
FT Gold Mines .... 149.6 (+0.2)
FT Fixed interest ..... 96.57 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs .... 86.96 (-0.01)
Bargains 26518
SEAQ Volume 513.6m
USM (Datastream) 142.24 (+0.37)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 4	November 15	February 6	February 17

Call options were taken out on 12/11/91: ASDA Group, British Steel, Ferranti, Maxwell Comm, Mirror Group, National Home Loan, Spring Ram. Put: Dwyer Put & Call: Maxwell Comm.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	600	34	55	65	23	31	39
(*607)	650	14	32	42	53	59	65
ASDA	43	7	10	-	4	6½	-
(*46)	51	3	6	-	8	11	-
Bass	950	55	79	94	20	27	33
(*988)	1000	24	50	65	47	55	59
Boots	420	19	34	40	13	17	21
(*427)	460	6	15	21	40	42	43
Br Airways	200	26	32	37	4	7	10½
(*211)	220	12	20	25	11	15	17
BP	330	15	22	27	8½	12½	16
(*332)	360	4	9½	14	30	32	33
Br Steel	90	3½	6	8	14	13	15
(*85)	100	1½	3½	4½	22	22	22
C & W	550	32	50	60	19	27	33
(*560)	600	11	27	37	51	57	60
CU	460	58	64	70	3½	11	14
(*502)	500	28	37	45	15	28	31
Courtauld	460	41	57	63	8	13	17
(*490)	500	19	34	40	25	28	34
GKN	330	20	26	32	15	27	29
(*326)	360	8	13	20	35	45	48
Grnd Met	850	46	64	95	22	33	39
(*864)	900	19	38	58	52	60	65
ICI	1200	89	109	135	22	46	54
(1246)	1250	57	78	104	40	70	74
Kingfishr	550	34	52	60	13	20	27
(*562)	600	10	26	35	42	47	50
Ladbroke	249	24	31	-	5	9½	-
(*262)	268	11	20	-	13	18	-
Land Sec	500	21	35	40	14	17	26
(*506)	550	3½	13	17	51	52	55
M & S	280	26	36	39	4½	7	9½
(*297)	300	13	23	26	11	14	19
Sainsbury	326	36	-	-	2½	-	-
(*353)	356	15	-	-	13	-	-
Shell	500	33	42	49	7	17	20
(*515)	550	8½	16	23	35	46	48
Smkl Bch	800	52	75	95	17	25	35
(*818)	850	25	50	67	42	52	57
Storehse	100	10	14	-	7	8	-
(*104)	110	5	9	12	13	15	15
Trafalgar	231	15	-	-	15	-	-
(*237)	251	6	-	-	29	-	-
Ultramar	330	29	37	-	9	16	-
(*347)	360	14	21	-	24	32	-
Unilever	800	64	92	94	10	19	25
(*843)	850	32	50	64	30	42	43
Utd Bisc	360	42	50	54	3	8	11
(*390)	390	21	30	36	13	21	23

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA	420	31	41	54	2½	11	14
(*449)	460	3½	17	31	18	27	29
BAT Ind	600	58	77	85	1	6	13
(*657)	650	12	39	54	9	16	30
BTR	390	10	25	31	4	12	19
(*394)	420	1	11	17	27	31	37
Br Aero	360	5	23	28	13	23	37
(*351)	384	1½	13	19	36	39	54
Br Telcm	360	20½	30	41	2	9½	12½
(*376)	390	3	14½	24½	14	25	28
Cadbury	390	25	45	52	1½	12	20
(*412)	420	5	27	36	13	25	32
Guinness	525	12	36	47	4	16	24
(*535)	550	3	22	34	19	28	34
GEC	180	11	15	21	1½	5½	6½
(*190)	200	1½	6	11	11	16	17
Hanson	200	10	15	19	1	7½	10
(*209)	220	1	5½	9½	11½	20½	22
LASMO	300	18	35	41	2½	12	17
(*314)	330	5	18	26	20	26	34
Lucas	130	7	14	16	2	6	8
(*132)	140	2	8	11	9	11	14
P & O	472	31	50	-	1½	8½	-
(*502)	519	3	24	32	22	29	40
Pilkingtn	140	6	13	18	4	9½	12
(*142)	160	1	5	9½	22	24	26
Prudential	240	11	22	26	1½	6	13
(*248)	260	1	10	15	12	15	23
Racal Elc	51	5½	7½	-	1½	3	-
(*55)	55	2	-	-	2½	-	-
RTZ	550	12	35	44	7	21	32
(*552)	600	2	15	24	51	50	57
Scot New	390	10	23	36	3½	16	20
(*395)	420	1½	11	22	27	35	37
Tesco	220	16	25	30	1	5	8
(*235)	240	2	13	18	8	13	17
Thames W	350	20	33	-	1½	6	-
(*367)	370	4	19	-	7	14	-
Vodafone	360	13	28	40	4	15	20
(*372)	390	1½	13	25	23	31	33

FT-SE INDEX (*2575)

	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650
Calls						
Nov	193	137	98	56	23	7
Dec	217	166	128	91	59	33
Jan	230	189	147	112	84	60
Feb	247	207	169	132	102	75
Puts						
Nov	2½	5	7	16	40	79
Dec	11	15	22	35	54	86
Jan	19	27	40	54	69	103
Feb	28	38	48	65	85	110

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	280	12½	23	28	5½	11	15
(*286)	300	3	11½	17	16	23	25
Amstrad	35	5	7	9	3	4½	5½
(*36)	40	2½	5	7	5½	7	9
Barclays	390	25	35	39	5½	15	18
(*400)	420	8	18	24	21	32	35
Blue Circ	240	11	21	24	7	11½	18
(*243)	260	4	11	15	20	24	30
Br Gas	240	16	22	25	2½	6½	10
(*250)	260	5	10	14	11	16½	19
Dixons	240	11	19	27	9	15	16
(*241)	260	4	11	18	22	27	28
Eurotnnl	390	40	60	75	15	25	33
(*402)	420	17	38	50	30	40	47
Forte	260	28	36	40	3	4½	8½
(*281)	280	11	22	27	6	11	15
Glaxo	750	69	94	115	7	20	29
(*820)	800	30	60	84	23	39	47
Hawker	700	43	50	55	2	6	15
(*730)	750	8	20	26	28	30	40
Hillsdwn	197	7½	15	-	8	11	-
(*199)	216	2	7	-	23	24	-
Lonrho	220	19	23	26	2½	10½	12½
(*233)	240	6½	12	15	11	22	24
Midland	220	25	33	42	3	8	10½
(*239)	240	12	20	30	9	15	20
Reuter	950	47	82	107	25	50	61
(*966)	1000	22	55	80	55	77	89
R-Royce	140	4½	9	11	7½	13	15
(*136)	160	1	3	4½	25	28	29
Sears	90	12	14	17	1½	4½	6
(*98)	100	5½	8	11	6½	8	11
Thrn Emi	800	38	59	79	12	21	27
(*826)	850	9	30	50	38	41	46
TSB	130	5½	13	15	4	7½	9½
(*133)	140	4	7½	11	9½	13	15
Vaal Reefs	60	6	8½	12	2½	6½	7
(*$62)	70	2	4½	8	12	13	15
Wellcome	750	67	95	120	10½	26	36
(*805)	800	35	63	91	28	43	55
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	390	37	47	57	8½	13	16
(*412)	420	19	29	39	20	26	30
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	230	18	24	28	1½	6	9
(*245)	250	4	11	16	9	16	18
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	140	15	16	21	2½	5½	7
(*151)	160	3½	7	10	13	15	17
Scot Pwr	100	6½	-	-	2	-	-
(*104)	110	1½	6	9	8½	11½	12

November 12, 1991 Tot: 23624 Call: 16911 Put: 6713 FT-SE Call: 3313 Put: 1454
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 91	2592.0	2614.0	2586.0	2605.0	6380
Previous open interest: 35065	Mar 92	2634.0	2644.0	2631.0	2640.5	586
Three Month Sterling	Dec 91	89.81	89.81	89.78	89.79	11976
Previous open interest: 160888	Mar 92	90.25	90.27	90.23	90.24	5866
	Jun 92	90.33	90.35	90.32	90.33	1415
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 91	94.90	94.91	94.85	94.85	1680
Previous open interest: 36759	Mar 92	95.02	95.04	94.96	94.96	1804
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 91	90.64	90.64	90.53	90.54	8687
Previous open interest: 174153	Mar 92	90.94	90.95	90.86	90.86	13030
US Treasury Bond	Dec 91	100-26	101-01	100-24	100-28	4086
Previous open interest: 4797	Mar 92				100-00	0
Long Gilt	Dec 91	95-16	95-24	95-12	95-14	23587
Previous open interest: 46001	Mar 92	95-22	95-26	95-22	95-17	71
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 91	100.06	100.10	100.03	100.08	160
	Mar 92	100.27	100.30	100.23	100.28	621
German Govmt Bond	Dec 91	86.37	86.44	86.12	86.17	49133
Previous open interest: 83260	Mar 92	86.69	86.70	86.48	86.50	1092
Three month ECU	Dec 91	90.14	90.15	90.09	90.09	461
Previous open interest: 4953	Mar 92	90.50	90.50	90.46	90.46	270
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 91	91.84	91.84	91.75	91.77	1885
Previous open interest: 25128	Mar 92	92.15	92.15	92.04	92.06	2940
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 91	97.19	97.40	97.08	97.29	6906
Previous open interest: 18734	Mar 92	97.08	97.23	97.04	97.21	345

COMMODITIES

REPORT: The wheat market showed frustration due to the lack of liquidity. Prices pushed higher again in the afternoon as the market looked for where the volume would come. Barley lent some strength from wheat, but again little interest was seen. Cocoa futures quietly maintained early small gains during a very quiet afternoon session. Prices edged higher in early trading remaining well within their current narrow band.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Dec	735-734	Mar	898-897
Mar	774-773	May	916-911
May	790-788	Jul	934-924
Jul	823-822	Sep	950-945
Sep	845 SLR		
Dec	871-870	Volume:	2704

COFFEE (ROBUSTA)

Sep	unq	Mar	unq
Nov	556-554	Jul	unq
Jan	573-572	Sep	unq
Mar	555-553	Volume:	836

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Aug	193.0-89.0
Spot n/a		Oct	190.0-88.0
Dec	unq	Dec	190.0-80.0
Mar	187.5-86.4	Mar	196.0-82.0
May	188.8-86.0	Volume:	254

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	281.3-80.2
Spot 282.0		Oct	256.6-55.5
Dec	283.4-81.5	Dec	255.1-53.0
Mar	279.4-78.0	Mar	255.1-52.5
May	278.4-77.3	Volume:	1757

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	77.39	141.71	103.16
(+/-)	+2.72	+16.05	-0.36
Eng/Wales	77.74	141.90	102.26
(+/-)	+3.13	+15.36	-0.69
(%)	-17.1	-13.1	-22.2
Scotland	75.50	140.42	105.77
(+/-)	-0.68	-17.86	-0.14
(%)	-57.7	-42.4	-30.8

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Nov	101.0	101.5	Feb	102.5	102.5
Jan	97.5	97.5		Volume:	33

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	118.70
Jan	122.20
Mar	125.65
May	128.70
Jun	129.95
Volume:	124

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	114.40
Jan	118.00
Mar	121.00
May	123.00
Sep	unq
Volume:	26

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Dec	127.30
Feb	128.00
Apr	128.30
Jun	122.50
Aug	122.50
Volume:	165

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	unq
Apr	131.0	130.7
May	unq	unq
	Volume:	82

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Dec 52.75-51.75

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London

6.00pm: The downward correction continued ahead of yesterday's stats.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	21.20	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Dec)	21.30	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jan)	21.15	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.45	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	22.35	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	238 (n/c)	242 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	211 (-6)	213 (-6)
Non EEC 1H Nov	212 (-4)	213 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Dec	213 (-6)	214 (-6)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (+1)	88 (n/c)
Naphtha	220 (n/c)	223 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Dec	210.50-10.25	Apr	189.00-88.00
Jan	209.75-09.50	May	184.00 SLR
Feb	203.00-02.75	Jun	185.00 SLR
Mar	196.50-95.75	Vol:	21166

BRENT

Dec	21.30-21.35	Feb	20.90-21.00
Jan	21.15-21.25	Vol:	n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 91	unq	unq	1630
Dec 91	1640	1630	1640
Jan 92	1660	1645	1655
Apr 92	1665	1640	1668

Vol: 304 lots. Open int'st: 2802 Index 1639 -2

FOX MGMI INDEX

Nov	Bid: 133.00	Offer: 135.00
Jan	Bid: 132.80	Offer: 134.70
Jun	Bid: 132.00	Offer: 136.00
(5pm prices)		Volume: 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolf

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1329.0-1330.0	1314.5-1315.0	626200
Lead (£/tonne)	276.50-277.00	288.00-288.50	47125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1031.0-1032.0	1049.5-1050.0	133600
Tin ($/tonne)	5520.0-5521.0	5580.0-5585.0	3505
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1134.0-1135.0	1162.0-1163.0	675450
Nickel ($/tonne)	7245.0-7250.0	7310.0-7312.0	15558

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 91.2 (day's range 91.2-91.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2613-3.2723	3.2613-3.2649	3/8-1/4pr	3/4-5/8pr
Brussels	59.52-59.90	59.52-59.73	10-5pr	16-10pr
Copenhagen	11.2439-11.2784	11.2543-11.2784	1 3/8-7/8pr	3 1/8-2 1/8pr
Dublin	1.0845-1.0875	1.0855-1.0865	9-3pr	17-7pr
Frankfurt	2.8984-2.9042	2.9008-2.9042	3/8-1/4pr	3/4-5/8pr
Lisbon	248.72-250.29	248.72-249.75	31-47ds	141-180ds
Madrid	182.29-183.06	182.29-182.92	33-42ds	97-114ds
Milan	2181.60-2184.92	2181.60-2184.61	1-3ds	5-7ds
Montreal	2.0009-2.0116	2.0009-2.0047	0.41-0.32pr	0.81-0.71pr
New York	1.7715-1.7770	1.7715-1.7725	0.85-0.83pr	2.29-2.27pr
Oslo	11.3618-11.3959	11.3642-11.3883	1 1/8-7/8pr	3 1/8-2 1/8pr
Paris	9.8984-9.9225	9.9062-9.9207	7/8-5/8pr	2 1/4-1 5/8pr
Stockholm	10.5867-10.6155	10.5918-10.6155	1/8-3/8ds	1 7/8-2 3/8ds
Tokyo	229.59-230.57	229.59-229.89	7/8-3/4pr	2 3/8-2 1/4pr
Vienna	20.3563-20.4444	20.3563-20.3855	2 1/4-1 1/4pr	4 1/8-1 5/8pr
Zurich	2.5663-2.5763	2.5731-2.5763	5/8-1/2pr	1 3/8-1 1/4pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17556.6-17594.1
Australia dollar	2.2525-2.2553
Bahrain dinar	0.6645-0.6725
Brazil cruzeiro*	1252.80-1254.05
Cyprus pound	0.8045-0.8145
Finland marka	7.07-7.13
Greece drachma	326.15-329.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.7591-13.7688
India rupee	45.54-45.94
Kuwait dinar KD	0.504-0.510
Malaysia ringgit	4.8587-4.8633
Mexico peso	5425-5525
New Zealand dollar	3.1464-3.1538
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6125-6.6925
Singapore dollar	2.9738-2.9774
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4522-5.5405
S Africa rand (com)	4.9647-4.9729
U A E dirham	6.4725-6.5525

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2704-1.2712
Austria	11.49-11.51
Belgium (Com)	33.66-33.70
Canada	1.1297-1.1302
Denmark	6.3475-6.3525
France	5.5775-5.5825
Germany	1.6350-1.6360
Hong Kong	7.7604-7.7614
Ireland	1.6355-1.6370
Italy	1231.0-1232.0
Japan	129.50-129.60
Malaysia	2.7404-2.7414
Netherlands	1.8430-1.8440
Norway	6.4110-6.4160
Portugal	140.70-140.90
Singapore	1.6788-1.6798
Spain	103.00-103.10
Sweden	5.9730-5.9780
Switzerland	1.4485-1.4495

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10⅛ Low 8 Week fixed: 10 3/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10 1/16; 3 mth 9 15/16. Sell: 2 mth 9 13/16; 3 mth: 9 13/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10 7/32-3/16	10 3/32-10 1/16	10-9 31/32	9 21/32-19/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	10 13/32-10⅜	10 7/16-10 5/16	10⅜-10 5/16	10¼-10 3/16	10 7/32-3/16
Interbank:	10 7/16-10⅜	10 7/16-10⅜	10⅜-10 11/32	10 9/32-7/32	10¼-10 3/16

Overnight: open 10½, close 8.

Local Authority Deps:	10⅜	n/a	10 5/16	10 3/16	10 1/16
Sterling CDs:	10 13/32-11/32	10 13/32-11/32	10 5/16-10¼	10 7/32-5/32	10 5/32-3/32
Dollar CDs:	4.90-4.85	5.15-5.10	5.00-4.95	4.98-4.93	5.12-5.07
Building Society CDs:	10 7/16-10⅜	10 7/16-10⅜	10 11/32-9/32	10 9/32-7/32	10 7/32-5/32

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1991 Agreed rates *Nov 26, 1991 to Dec 24, 1991 Scheme I: 11.68%.* Schemes II & III: 11.68%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1991 to Oct 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 10.447%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5 1/16-4 15/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	4½-4
Deutschemark:	9-8¾	9-8⅞	9⅜-9¼	9⅜-9¼	9¼-8¾
French Franc:	9⅝-9⅜	9½-9¼	9⅜-9¼	9⅜-9¼	9¼-8¾
Swiss Franc:	7¾-7½	7 13/16-11/16	8⅛-8	8⅛-8	7¾-6¾
Yen:	6⅜-6⅛	6¼-6	6⅛-6	5 15/16-13/16	6½-5½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $355.10-355.50 Close: $355.20-355.70 High: $355.35-355.85
Low: $354.70-355.20 Krugerrand: $354.75-355.75 (£199.75-200.75)
Sovereigns: Old $83.25-84.25 (£47.00-48.00) New $83.00-84.00 (£46.75-47.75)
Platinum: $362.00 (£203.85) Silver: $4.05 (£2.275) Palladium: $86.00 (£48.40)

Insurance sector rises

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 11. Dealings end November 22. §Contango day November 25. Settlement day December 2. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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1	Davies Newman	Transport	
2	Rugby Group	Building,Rds	
3	Hambros	Banks,Disc	
4	Ladbroke	Hotels,Cat	
5	Steetley	Building,Rds	
6	Sears	Drapery,Strs	
7	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
8	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
9	Sidlaw	Industrial	
10	Central TV	Leisure	
11	Delta	Electrical	
12	Black Arrow	Industrial	
13	Forte	Hotels,Cat	
14	Cadbury-Schw	Foods	
15	RHM	Foods	
16	Haden MacLn	Industrial	
17	HSBC	Banks,Disc	
18	LWT CP	Leisure	
19	Morgan Cble	Industrial	
20	Jardine Math	Industrial	
21	Lloyds	Banks,Disc	
22	South West	Water	
23	BT	Electrical	
24	Petrocon	Oils, Gas	
25	Mucklow (A&J)	Property	
26	Northumbrian	Water	
27	Tomkins	Industrial	
28	Kwik Save	Foods	
29	Denora	Property	
30	Br Petroleum	Oils, Gas	
31	Severn Trent	Water	
32	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
33	Guinness	Breweries	
34	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
35	Brake Bros	Foods	
36	CML Micro	Electrical	
37	Welsh Water	Water	
38	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Strs	
39	North West	Water	
40	Hanson	Industrial	
41	Wardle Storeys	Chems,Plas	
42	Smith WH A'	Drapery,Strs	
43	Warburg SG	Banks,Disc	
44	TSB	Banks,Disc	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey Ntl	286	+ 4	9.5	4.4	9.3
153	126	Allied Irish	173	+ 5	...	5.8	12.4
60	23	Ansbacher (H)	36		1.5	5.6	...
195	121	Aus New Z	193	- 5	...	...	6.1
2631	1218	Bankamerica	2275	-21	..	...	
173½	115½	Bk of Ireland	145	+ 2	..	7.3	23.7
1950	1900	Bk Leumi Isrl	1900 #	...	...	...	...
350	340	Bk Leumi UK	340	...	16.0	6.3	...
126	91	Bank Scotland	121	...	...	5.6	26.3
489	327	Barclays	400	..	21.1	7.1	26.4
12	3	Benchmark	5	...	...	...	19.9
270	195	Brown Shipley	229	..	8.0	4.7	...
27	12½	Carlisle	15	...	...	...	...
464	313	Cater Allen	379	- 1	25.0	8.8	...

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
46	25	Norbain♦	41	...	0.7	2.3	10.3
81	40	Northumber	44	.	2.5	7.6	...
15	10	Oceonics	12	...	...	...	16.2
279	227	Oxford Ins	239	- 1	4.1	2.3	13.7
195	128	P-E Internl	173	..	6.2	4.8	13.7
147	50	P & P	56	...	4.2	10.1	3.0
71	43	Peek	61 †	...	3.4	7.4	14.8
201	145	Pegasus♦	174	...	12.1	9.8	∞
8500	6300	Philips Fn 4%	8500	...	..	6.8	..
1131	587	-do- Lmp nv	1041	...	...	...	...
365	227	Pilco	327	...	7.7	3.2	10.2
357	194	-do- 'A' Voting	302	...	7.7	3.4	9.4
71	48	Plasmec♦	50	...	3.6	...	46.1
111	78	Pressac	80	...	2.4	4.0	12.9
93	40	Psion♦	90	+ 2	2.4	3.6	...
60	46	Racal Elec	55	+ ½	3.7	9.0	5.9
58	37	Radius♦	37½	...	2.7	9.6	7.6
123	45	Real Time♦	98	...	3.0	4.1	9.0
53	28	Riva♦	35	- 2	...	...	19.7
290	180	Sage Gp	274	...	...	3.4	14.7
90	41	Scantronic	50	...	2.9	7.9	16.9
135	78	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.6	12.8
499	246	Sema Gp	247	...	2.5	1.3	23.2
140	85	Sherwd Cmp♦	127	...	5.2	5.5	6.3
33	10	Sinterom	18	...	0.3	...	...
41	30	Soundtracks♦	37	...	2.2	7.9	15.2
21	11	Sunleigh Elec♦	12	...	...	...	...
2850	1550	TDK	2287	+25	...	0.9	19.7
8	5	TDS Circuits♦	6	...	...	...	...
37	15½	Telemetrix	31	...	0.4	2.6	13.4
828	608	THORN EMI	825	- 1	30.5	4.9	16.2
19	10	Total Systems♦	19	...	...	...	...
175	102	Tunstall	175	..	5.0	3.8	8.6
306	152	Unitech	257	...	11.7	6.1	34.8
59	35	Utd Scientific	37	..	2.0	7.2	...
18	8½	Vistec♦	15	...	0.2	1.8	16.0
414	251	Vodafone	372	+ 3	...	1.9	22.0
295	221	Volex	285	...	17.0	8.0	14.8
27	10	Western Selectn	17	...	1.0	7.9	...
40	12	Wharfdale♦	12	- ½	...	...	...
395	283	Wholesale Ftgs	330	...	16.6	6.7	16.9

ELECTRICITY

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295	212	East Midlands	259	+ 2	...	6.1	8.3
271	204½	Eastern Elect	245	+ 2	...	6.1	8.8
124½	105	Hydro-Elect	107	...	...	4.9	13.1
295	206	London Elect	256	+ 1	...	6.1	7.1
344	230½	Manweb	306	+ 6	...	5.7	8.6
295	206	Midlands Elec	267	+ 5	...	6.0	8.5
295	213	Northern Elec	268	+ 2	...	6.4	6.5
311	213	Norweb	278	...	...	6.0	10.5
119½	100	Scottish Power	104	...	...	5.0	13.5
295	204	Seeboard	275	+ 3	...	5.7	7.7
366	224	Sth Wales	321	+ 2	16.9	5.8	9.5
303	209	Sth Western	262	+ 2	...	6.1	8.0
290	208½	Southern Elec	261	+ 1	...	5.8	8.3
322	227	Yorkshire Elec	304	+ 5	...	5.5	8.1
£2810	£1425	Package Unit	£2698	+2500	...	...	...

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
442	292	BTR	394	+ 1	15.7	5.3	12.6
255	116	BWI	144		...	6.2	∞
64½	35½	Babcock	58½	..	3.0	6.8	11.4
8¾	4¾	Bailey (CH)	6½		...		...
274	204	Baird (Wm)	256	..	...	4.7	13.5
953	538	Barlow Rand	953	+10	..	3.6	∞
113	38	Barrett (H)	49	...	5.6	15.4	4.4
69	32½	Baynes (Charles)	65	+ 1	..	2.5	18.0
149	62½	Beauford	62½	- 2½	6.0	12.9	4.1
48	14	Beckenham♦	14	...	3.0	...	3.3
30	23	Bedford (W)♦	28				
531	292	Bespak	530	- 1	8.0	2.0	23.4
183	106	Bibby (J)	179 †	+ 1	9.7	7.3	∞
100	80	Billam (J)	66		4.0	6.3	7.3
92	45	Bilston Btrsea♦	47		...		
86	37	Bimec Ind	70	- 7	..	2.6	15.1
147½	45	Bioplan	45			0.2	..
41	23	Black Arrow	36	+ 3	2.1	7.8	11.8
140	108	Black (Peter)	133	...	2.8	2.8	14.5
66	26	Bluebird Toys♦	35	+ 1	..		...
370	211	Bodycote	370		6.7	3.2	13.4
445	304	Boots	427	- 2	11.6	3.6	17.8
92	69	Booth Inds	89	.	3.2	4.8	5.7
40	22	Boustead	27	.	1.6	.	9.2
708	432	Bowater	680	.	21.0	4.1	13.6
1839	1046	Bowater Inc	1225	- 8	...		
224	130	Boxmore Ind♦	224 †	..	6.4	3.8	10.6
19	11	Brasway	15½		0.5	4.4	33.6
246	169	Brammer	243	.	13.0	7.1	17.1
45	26	Bridgend Gp	31		1.2	5.2	12.5
149	83	Bridon	117		8.0	9.3	8.9
92	43	Bridport-Gndry	92	.	4.1	6.1	∞
45	26	Brierley Inv	33	.	.	8.8	28.1
355	355	Br Bldg & Eng	355	. .	0.5	0.2	..
85	35	Br Bloodstock♦	43	.			
380	215	Br Polythene	374		.	2.9	16.5
149	83	Br Steel	84½	- 7	8.7	14.3	..
98	41	Br Syphon	96	.			
16	3¾	Br Thornton	11	. .	...		
260	180	Br Vita	249	...	6.7	3.6	14.4
681	383	Broken Hill	661	- 5	.	2.7	14.5
145	101	Bromsgrove Ind	136	- 2	3.9	3.8	8.9
21	15	Brooke Tool	15½	.	1.2	..	7.2
94	39	Brown & Tawse	66	- 9	5.7	11.5	..
132	77	Bullough	132	...	6.0	6.1	11.2
99	27	Business Tech♦	30	..	1.5	...	3.8
35	23	CI Group	32 †	...	2.0	8.5	7.7
1613	900	CMB Pack	1500		..	3.7	8.9
18	9	Cabra Est	11	+ ¼	0.1	1.2	...

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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
310	208	Presidio	255		.	2.3	
486	313	Ranger	453	+10	.	1.0	
4912	3731	Royal Dtch Fl	4675	-37	...	5.0	11.2
546	419	Shell	515		20.1	5.2	13.0
180	98	Sovereign	150		.	.	29.5
5	3	Targa Res	3				
34	13	Teredo♦	21				
114	84	Triton Europe	104			1.4	19.4
358	233	Ultramar	347	+ 1	10.5	4.0	25.3
197	102	Woodside	196	- 4	.	1.0	56.0
2	1½	XCL Sunrise	3	...		.	.

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
146	76	API	115		.	5.7	19.8
21	11	ATA Selection♦	13	..	1.0	10.3	.
292	168	Arjo Wiggins	277	.	6.3	4.0	13.0
376	175	Abbott Mead	375		7.8	2.8	16.0
9	1½	Acsis Group	3	.	0.4		.
15	10	Addison Cons	14½		..		
244	112	Aegis Gp	190		5.5	4.1	7.5
175	85	Aspen Comm♦	175		8.1	6.2	14.3
25	14	BBB Design♦	14				
116	76	BNB Res	89	..	4.6	6.9	8.3
210	110	Bemrose	199		11.7	7.9	9.0
78	29	Birkdale	40		.	..	.
108	54	Burall	90		5.9		15.7
164	53	CIA Gp	153	..	3.2	2.6	11.8
58	35	City of Lon♦	45		3.0	9.2	9.2
75	41	Clarke Hooper♦	60	.	4.4	9.8	∞
106	60	Colorgraphic	82		6.8		9.3

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
226	158	Mersey Docks	213		5.0	3.1	13.2
225	116	NFC	225	+ 3	5.6	3.3	16.6
383	277	Ocean Group	339		.	5.6	13.8
48	30	Ocean Wilson	40 †	.	2.7	9.2	3.6
595½	454	P & O Dfd	502	- 2	30.5	8.1	16.7
109	87	P & O 5%	109			6.7	.
351	254	Powell Duffryn	290	- 5	22.6	10.4	10.1
112	64	Seacon♦	104	. .		4.5	7.6
89	38	TIP Europe	84 †	.		4.6	∞
73	32	TNT	61½	+ 1½		5.2	7.0
550	283	Tibbet & Britn	548	.	9.2	2.2	25.2
587	305	Tiphook	517	- 2	13.8	3.6	8.2
283	206	Transport Dev	265	.	9.5	4.9	15.3
125	85	Turnbull Scott	90		...	.	.

WATER

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
409	331	Anglian Water	376	+ 7	17.5	6.2	8.2
406	327	Northumbrian	385	+ 6	18.6	6.4	5.9
395	322	North West	373	+ 9	18.0	6.4	6.9
370	300	Severn Trent	336	+ 7	17.5	7.0	5.3
397	293	Sthn Water	334	+ 3	17.7	7.1	6.3
392	308	South West	341	+ 2	20.0	7.8	5.2
397	323	Thames Water	367 †	.	17.5	6.4	7.9
422	341	Welsh Water	385	+ 4	19.5	6.9	4.7
456	325	Wessex Water	403		17.7	5.9	6.9
431	335	Yorkshire W	388	+ 1	17.7	6.1	7.4

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POLITICS - £15,000 PA with exc s/h & an interest in politics to work for org. based in SW1 Must be flexible, very good with people & have exc work record along + admin exp. Age 30-45. Norma Skemp Rec 222 5091

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PROPERTY Investment. £20,000 Chairman of small, highly successful Co in West *End needs a self-motivated,* polished PA with quick wit & good education City know-how more important than property background. 95/65 + Audio skills Age 30-37 Jigsaw Recruitment 071 584 6555.

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We offer a competitive salary, and the benefits of working for a large and successful entertainment company, as well as a *travel loan scheme, and contributory pension scheme.* Please send a CV with your current salary to Sharon Mulrooney, Personnel Officer, Sony Music Entertainment, 17-19 Soho Square, London W1V 6HE.

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NON-SECRETARIAL

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CABBAN & GASELEE
071 589 5481

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NON – SECRETARIAL

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Sought by Knightsbridge Co. Previous small Company admin exp essential. Will be responsible for all staff related matters including recruitment, medical & pension schemes and all records. Knowledge of accounting procedures & software packages as they will need to set up a data base. W P skills needed. Must be well presented with ability to deal with people at all levels.

Send C.V. to O.V. Selection (Rec Cons). Abford House, 15, Wilton Road SW1V 1LT or fax to 071 976 5838.

LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 0012023 of 1991
IN THE MATTER OF
LINK-MILES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 22nd October 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (1) the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,600,000 to £2,500,000 and *(2) the cancellation of the amount* standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the said Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the *Royal Courts of Justice*, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Monday the 25th day of November 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person *requiring* the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 11th day *of November 1991*
Donne Mileham & Haddock
Frederick Place
Brighton BN1 1AT.

Richey Electronics Limited
Formerly Racom Limited

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency *Act 1986 that a Meeting of* Creditors of the above-named company will be held at 81 Station Road, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 1NS on 21st November 1991 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 81 Station Road, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 1NS the two business days before the date of the meeting.

Dated this 7th day of November 1991
M Lawrence, Director

Notice of appointment of
Administrative Receiver
CONNECT LIGHTING
SYSTEMS LIMITED

Registered number: 1833694. Nature of business: Manufacturers of lighting equipment. Trade Classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 November 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: E D S Kirker and J S Baird (office holder nos: 060 and 1074). Address: Pannell Kerr Forster 78 Hatton Garden *London EC1N 8JA*

The Insolvency Act 1986
The Art of Communication Ltd
And
Destination Management Limited
(both in Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Companies by a *resolution of the companies* members and creditors on 5th November 1991.

Dated this 6th November 1991
M.R Dorrington, Liquidator

NOTICE OF MEETING
OF CREDITORS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CHARD HOT AIR BALLOON
CO LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at *No 1 Riding House* Street, London, W1A 3AS on 19th November 1991 11 00 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at *No 1 Riding* House, London, W1A 3AS between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 17th November 1991 and 18th November 1991.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and (unless attending in person) a proxy at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS no later than 12 noon on 18th November 1991 before Meeting. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their secu*rity and its assessed* value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.

By Order of the Board.
J IRVING BELL, Director

ARCHWAY BUSINESS
CENTRE *LIMITED*

Registered number: 2349099. Former Company name: Rapid 7623 Limited Trading name: Archway Business Centre Limited Nature of business: Property Developers Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 6th November 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: European Partners in Capital (EPIC) Holding BV. Joint Administrative Receivers: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted *and Paul Howard Finn (office* holder nos: 6064 and 1615) of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street London, EC4A 1HY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC
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LONDON SW7 2BS

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Corporation will be held at *the College on Monday 16* December 1991 at 3.45 pm to receive a Report and Statement of Accounts from the Council and to transact other business.

Any Member wishing to attend as a Graduate or Donor should *apply by 2 December 1991* to the Clerk at the above address, furnishing details of his/her claim to membership, so that the necessary security and voting authorities may be issued.

DATED 12 November 1991
W M Morgan
Clerk to the Council

Notice of Appointment of
Administrative Receiver
HEMEL LEISURE
CENTRE LIMITED

Registered Number: 764358. Trading name: H L C Lighting. Nature of business: Manufactur*ers of Light Fittings to the Leisure* and Point of Sale Industries Trade Classification: 07. *Date of* appointment of administrative receivers: 6th November 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc Joint Administrative Receivers: MJC Oldham and P J *Yeldon: (office holder* nos: 7817 and 7253). Address: No 1 Riding House Street London W1A 3AS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
READS LIMITED
(in members' liquidation)
Company number: 1751526
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF READS LIMITED

On 31 October 1991 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr AJP Brereton and Mr I C Powell of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS were appointed liquidators by the shareholders.

The liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must *send details, in writing, of any* claim against the company to the liquidators, at the above address by 30 November 1991 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidators also give notice that they will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 6 November 1991
A J P Brereton
Joint Liquidator

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 238 of 1991
IN THE MATTER OF
PAULA JOY JOSEPH
(IN BANKRUPTCY)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Debtor, are required, on *or before the 27 December 1991,* to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned P J YELDON of Smith & *Williamson, No.1 Riding House* Street, London, W1A 3AS the Trustee of the said Paula Joy Joseph, and, if so required by notice in writing to the said Trustee, or personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved

5 November, 1991
P J YELDON, TRUSTEE

Certificate of Appointment of
Trustee by Creditors' Meeting
In the High Court of Justice
No 238 of 1991 In Bankruptcy
Re Paula Joy Joseph

This is to certify that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named bankrupt held on 4th October 1991 Peter James Yeldon of Smith and Williamson 1 Riding House Street, London *W1A 3AS having provided a* written statement that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above-named bankrupt under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 and that he consents so to act, was appointed trustee of the above-named bankrupt's estate.

Dated 4th October 1991
Anton Louis Johnson
Chairman

The Insolvency Act 1986
MERCHANT HOMES LTD
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Colin Shuttleworth, of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS was appointed Liquidator of the said *Company* by the Creditors on 7th November 1991.

Dated this 11th November 1991
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator

ENERGY FUTURES
LIMITED
PRIVATE COMPANY
LIMITED BY SHARES
COMPANY NO: 2323809

Registered Office:
St Bartholomew Chambers,
61 West Smithfield,
London, EC1A 9EA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that

a. ENERGY FUTURES LIMITED ("the Company") has *approved a payment out of* capital for acquiring its own Shares by purchase.

b. The amount of the payment out approved, being the permissible capital payment for the Shares in question is £249,998 by written Special *Resolution under Sections 173* and 381A of the Companies Act 1985 dated 11th November 1991

c The Statutory Declaration by the Company's sole [illegible]ector together with the [illegible]or's Report both required [illegible]uant to Section 173 aforesaid [illegible] available for inspection at the Company's registered office as set out above

d Any creditor of the company may at any time within five weeks immediately following the date of the said Resolution for payment out of capital (11th November 1991) apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment

Dated the 11th November 1991
R.W Beynon
Solicitors of the Supreme Court
Dibb & Clegg
27 Chancery Lane
London WC2A 1NE
Tel No. 071-831-0241
Ref: RWB0190

JOHN HARTLEY
AND PARTNERS LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 2nd December 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12 00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, *EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as* the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 31st day of October 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J I. A. HARTLEY, DIRECTOR

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SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO:

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London E1 9DD

Timeshare with an acceptable face

Christopher Warman

visits holiday share homes as the industry works on a better image

Timeshare's reputation has been tarnished by high-pressure marketing, so that the words co-ownership, time ownership and group ownership are now used, indicating varieties of the same thing but reflecting the developers' desire for a better image of an industry that can provide luxurious holiday homes in grand locations.

The industry still needs regulation to control disreputable operators and safeguard buyers. As a result, the Timeshare Council was set up by the industry this year to succeed previous watchdog bodies. In addition, the government has accepted in principle tighter controls proposed by the Office of Fair Trading, and recently Edward Leigh, the consumer affairs minister, urged the European Commission to draw up a directive on timeshare marketing and selling.

In Perthshire, the Kenmore Club, described as co-ownership, is set in the listed former walled garden of the Taymouth Castle estate, which slopes to the edge of Loch Tay. The club is surrounded by pines and looks across the loch to the hills. It is owned by the Elliott Property and Leisure Group, which has other schemes in Britain, Portugal and France.

The club is a small scheme of 30 cottages and houses around two squares. The first square, with 16 cottages and houses, is complete and 70 per cent sold. The second will be built in the next two years.

The club properties blend happily into the environment, having been built in the local style of white and black houses seen in the neighbouring village of Kenmore. It is a holiday home base rather than a resort, with only a modest leisure centre and swimming-pool, but with a management ready to arrange activities, including riding, golf, fishing, water sports and skiing.

The scheme's success can be gauged by the fact that about half the buyers have been told of it by present owners.

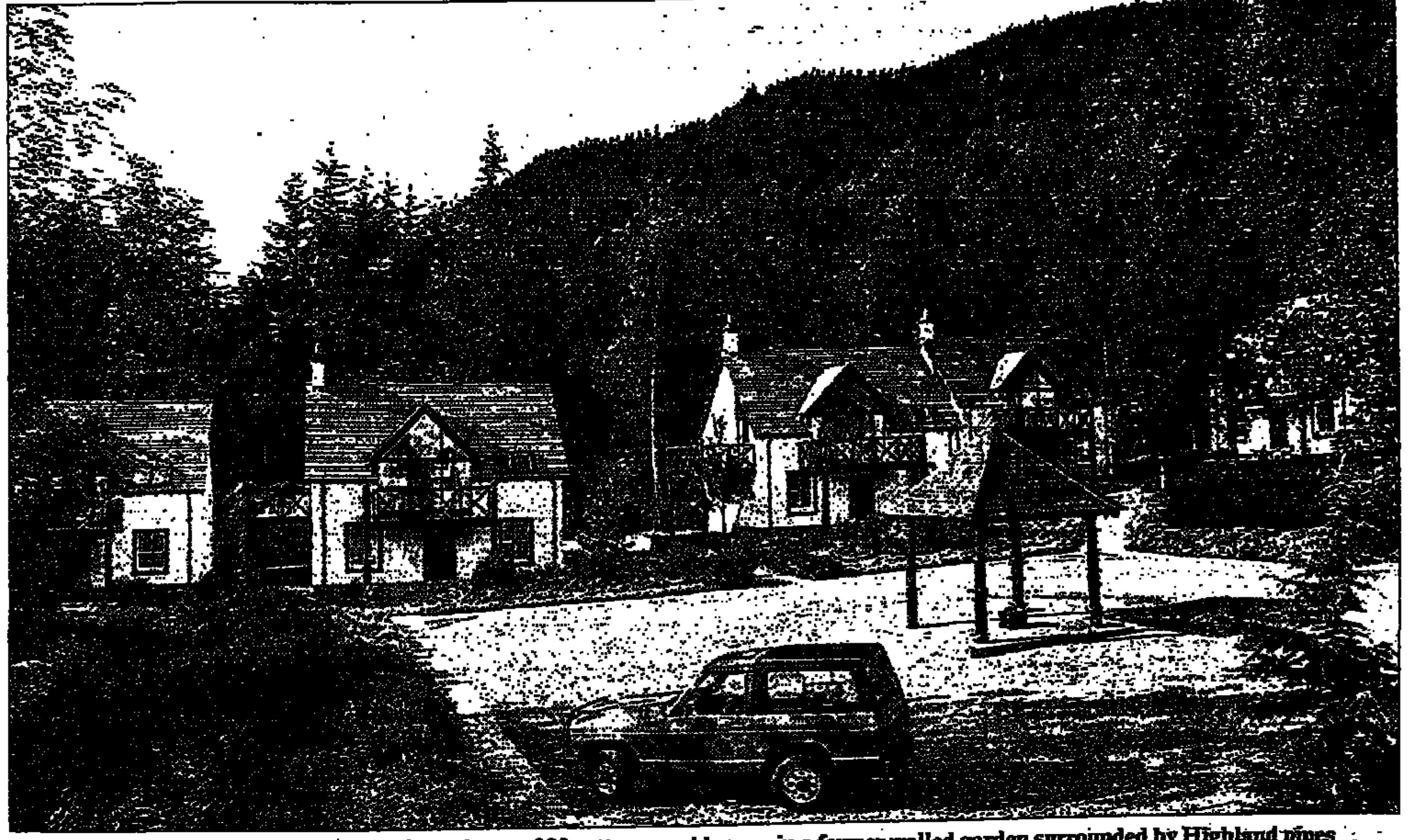
The freehold properties cost from £4,675 for a week in a two-bedroom cottage in January to £16,500 for a three-bedroom house in the summer peak. The average service charge is £200.

Craigendarroch on Royal Deeside near Ballater and Cameron House on Loch Lomond are sister schemes developed by Cannon Street Investments, on a larger scale than Kenmore, and based on a luxury hotel and lavish leisure complex. Each has about 100 "time ownership" lodges.

Cameron House, like its elder sister Craigendarroch, has drawn buyers in roughly equal proportions locally and from England. Cameron House has just opened its nine-hole golf course, the "wee demon", running alongside the loch, on land used in recent years as a bear park. In addition it has two swimming-pools, squash and badminton courts, tennis courts and a 225-boat marina.

Prices at Cameron House, dating back to 1400 and for many generations associated with the Smollett family, including Tobias Smollett, the 18th-century novelist, range from a low-season £3,950 for a one-bedroom lodge, to £22,950 at the peak time of new year for three bedrooms. The maintenance charge varies from £155 to £213.

An alternative to the weekly timeshare is group ownership, developed by a company of that name, whose first UK scheme is on 30 acres within the 420-acre working Hope Barton Farm, near Salcombe, south Devon. The scheme is aimed at bridging the gap between timeshare and second home ownership and offers buyers five weeks a year on a 125-year lease, rotating through the seasons every year.



Green and serene: the Kenmore Club is a scheme of 30 cottages and houses in a former walled garden surrounded by Highland pines

The scheme consists of a group of 19th-century stone and timber barns built around two courtyards. The barns have been converted into studios (£11,750), two-bedroom homes (£17,825-£18,750) and three-bedroom homes (£22,750).

This and the other schemes give buyers the opportunity to exchange with timeshare resorts throughout the world through international exchange organisations. Hope Barton also guarantees owners rental of all their five-week shares for two years.

The idea for this middle option between "owning" one week at a timeshare and owning a second home came to John Gange, the joint managing director and formerly a partner in the estate agents Hamptons, and his wife, Trish, now the company secretary, when they realised that the cost of owning a holiday cottage was beyond them.

Yet another alternative is the Holiday Property Bond, "multi-ownership co-ownership", established in 1983, in which investors buy into the bond, a life assurance policy, with the funds invested mostly in a portfolio of holiday property and fixed-interest securities. The minimum investment is £2,000 and bondholders gain points to allow them to use any of the 400 villas, cottages and apartments at 18 resorts in 12 countries.

● Details: *Kenmore Club, Kenmore, Perthshire PH15 2HH (08873 555); Cameron House, Loch Lomond, Alexandria, Dunbartonshire G83 8QZ (0389 55625); Hope Barton Farm, Hope Cove, Devon TQ7 3HT (0548 561393); Holiday Property Bond, Kentford Lodge, Newmarket, Suffolk (0638 660066)*

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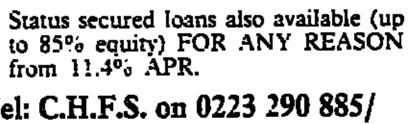

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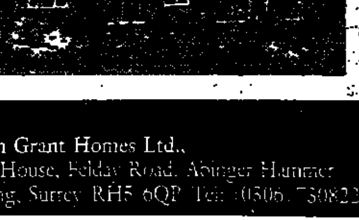

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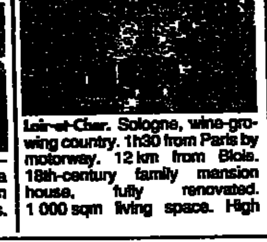

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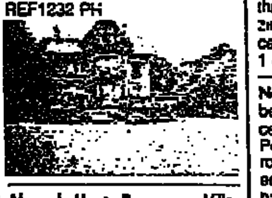

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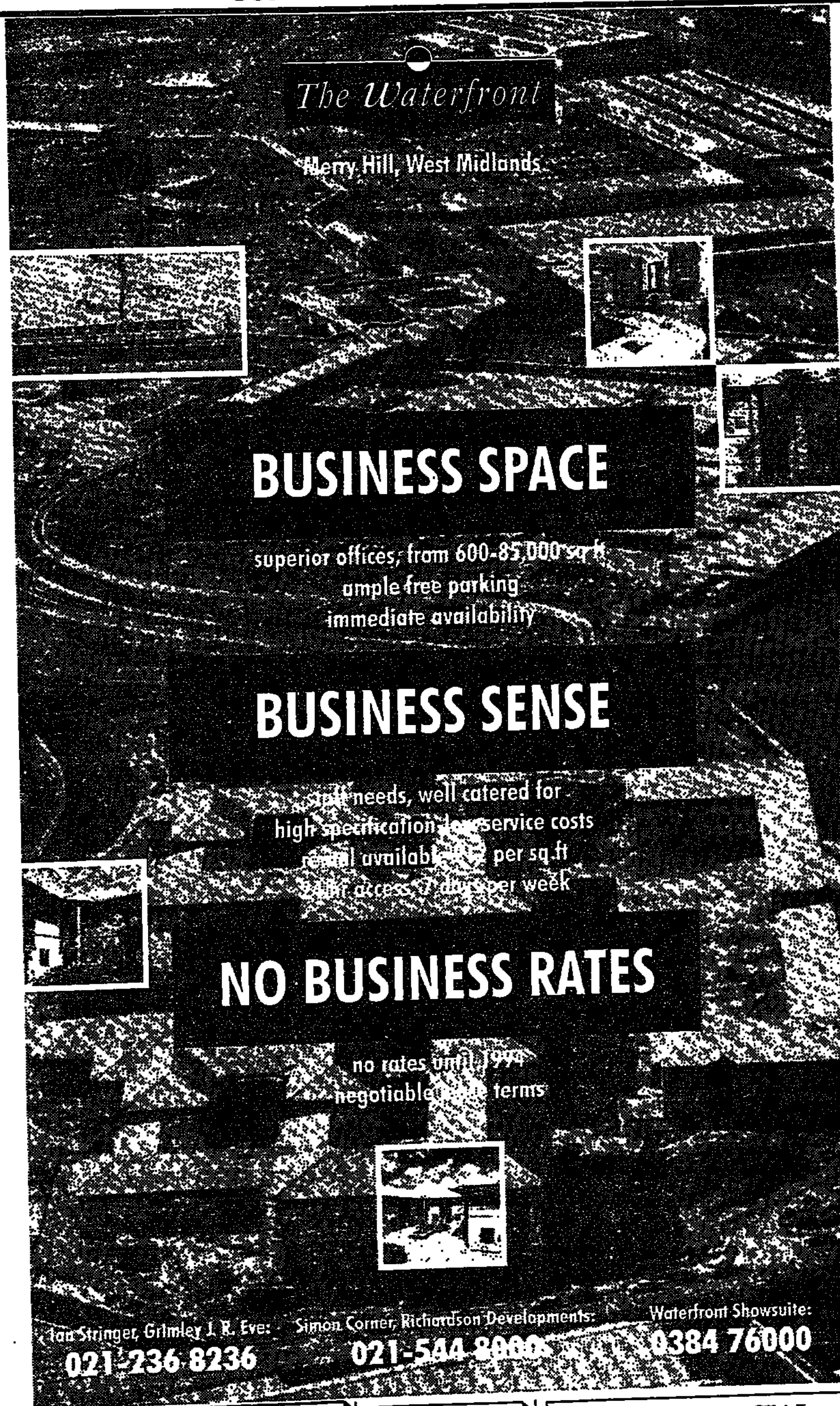

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Power to compel answers limited

Regina v Director of the Serious Fraud Office, Ex parte Smith

Before Lord Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment November 7]

The Serious Fraud Office had no power to compel a person to answer questions relating to an offence with which he had already been charged.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment holding that the applicant, Wallace Douglas Smith, be cautioned before being asked questions relating to an offence with which he had already been charged.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, Mr David Hood and Mr David Stern for the applicant; Mr Nigel Pleming for the Director of the Serious Fraud Office.

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that the applicant was the chairman and managing director of a company. The Bank of England had suspected that his activities might have been fraudulent and called in the police to investigate. As a result he was charged with carrying on business with intent to defraud creditors.

After he had been charged, the Serious Fraud Office had written to him saying that he was required to attend for an interview pursuant to section 2(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

The letter said that the applicant would not be given a caution and that he could be prosecuted if, without reasonable excuse, he failed to answer questions put to him.

The applicant argued that the 1987 Act did not authorise the service of a section 2 notice after a person had been charged. Alternatively, the applicant had to be informed, in accordance with the first part of the traditional caution, that he was not obliged to answer any questions concerning the subject matter of the charge, otherwise his constitutional right of silence would be lost.

The Serious Fraud Office argued that the plain purpose and effect of the 1937 Act was to deprive suspected persons of the right of silence in cases which were considered to involve serious or complex fraud.

It was common ground that the director, when exercising her powers under section 2 had to have regard to any relevant provisions of the *Police and Criminal and Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice.*

The only question was how far did the 1987 Act remove the protection afforded by the 1984 Act and the *Codes of Practice.*

The applicant accepted that if a section 2(2) notice had been served before he was charged, it would have overriden the caution administered to him upon his arrest. That followed by necessary implication from the plain words of section 2.

But could the caution administered to him when he was charged similarly be overridden by the subsequent section 2(2) notice?

The court accepted that the investigation of a serious and complex fraud would not necessarily, or even normally, stop with the charging of the accused person but it was going a crucial step further to suggest that the 1987 Act permitted potentially incriminating information to be demanded from the accused person himself after that stage had been reached. Only the very clearest statutory language could produce such a result and the court did not find such language in sections 1 and 2 of the Act.

The court regarded it as almost unthinkable that Parliament should have authorised the Serious Fraud Office to continue the exercise of inquisitorial powers against the accused not merely after he had been charged but also throughout his trial.

In *R v Director of the Serious Fraud Office, Ex parte Saunders* (*The Times* August 1, 1988) it was stated *obiter* that there was no reason why a section 2(2) notice should not be issued after a person had been charged but that the person would first have to be cautioned and questions could only be put for the purposes provided for in the *Codes of Practice.*

The question remained how the court's acceptance of the right to serve a section 2(2) notice on pain of penalty if he refused to answer could be reconciled with the charged person's right to invoke the protection of the caution.

The answer had to be that the court in *Saunders* had regarded the enhanced right of silence which common law and statute had traditionally conferred upon a person once he had been charged as providing him, in the language of section 2(13), with a reasonable excuse for failing to comply with that requirement.

Solicitors: Garstangs; Treasury Solicitor.

Precision required in extradition process

In re Farinha

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment November 7]

An authority to proceed issued under section 8(4) of the Extradition Act 1989 had to state in precise terms what offence would be constituted by equivalent conduct in the United Kingdom.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in granting an application for a writ of *habeas corpus ad subjiciendum* made pursuant to section 11 of the 1989 Act and discharging Antonio Da Costa Farinha from his committal by the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate to await the Home Secretary's decision as to his return to the Kingdom of Norway.

Section 7(5) of the 1989 Act provides: "An authority to proceed shall specify the offence or offences under the law of the United Kingdom which it appears to the secretary of state would be constituted by equivalent conduct in the United Kingdom."

Mr Rembert de Mello for the applicant; Miss Clare Montgomery for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that he would have expected the requirement of section 7(5) to be met by a recital in a form like: "AB is accused of conduct in the territory of the government of CD which appears to the secretary of state to be conduct which had it occurred in the United Kingdom would have constituted the offence of supplying a controlled drug to another."

The recital in the instant case was not in such a form as it stated only that Mr Farinha was "accused of the commission of the crimes of supplying a controlled drug within the jurisdiction of the Government of Norway".

A part of that recital was the requisite statement of actual conduct ("supplying ... Norway") but nothing was expressed as to the offence constituted by equivalent conduct in the United Kingdom.

His Lordship declined to imply the specification of the offence even though it would probably be an offence against section 4(3)(*a*) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

His Lordship's thoughts were not material for it was only what appeared to the secretary of state that was material and that appearance could not be the subject of implication where the statutory requirement was to "specify" and a person's liberty was at risk.

Lord Diplock in *In re Nielsen* ([1984] AC 606, 619A) was speaking in the context of the Extradition Act 1870. The context was now different.

If it were objected that the point was a technical one and that there was no obstacle to the issue of a fresh authority, the response was that the courts had to be vigilant to ensure that the extradition procedures were strictly observed.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Carter Davidge Solicitors, Birmingham; CPS HQ.

Chancery Division

Gains tax liability on overseas trust

Marshall (Inspector of Taxes) v Kerr

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment November 7]

The deeming provisions of section 24(11) of the Finance Act 1965 did not apply to prevent a United Kingdom resident settlor of an overseas trust from capital gains tax liability on capital payments made to her by the trustees.

The deeming was to have a limited effect and did not extend to the identification of the settlor of a settlement constituted by a non-resident testator's will and a deed of variation.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of a special commissioner that had discharged estimated assessments to the tax made on the taxpayer, Mr Simon P. A. Kerr, in respect of capital gains accruing to his wife, Mrs Elizabeth Kerr.

Mrs Kerr's father died in 1977, resident in Jersey. By his will his personal estate was bequeathed to Mrs Kerr, a United Kingdom resident, and her brother in equal shares absolutely. By a deed of family arrangement in 1978 Mrs Kerr settled her share of the estate on Jersey trustees to be held on discretionary trusts for herself and her family.

The administration of the estate was not completed until 1979 and the assets at no time vested in Mrs Kerr. The taxpayer was assessed to capital gains tax under sections 80 to 85 of the Finance Act 1981, gains of non-resident settlements, in respect of capital payments to Mrs Kerr by the settlement trustees between 1981 and 1985.

Section 80 of the 1981 Act applies to impose liability where the settlor "was when he made his settlement domiciled and either resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom".

By section 24(11) of the Finance Act 1965 (see now section 49(6) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979): "If not more than two years after a death any of the dispositions of the property of which the deceased was competent to dispose ... are varied by a deed of family arrangement ... this section shall apply as if the variations made by the deed or other instrument were effected by the deceased, and no disposition made by the deed or other instrument shall constitute a disposal for the purposes of this Part of the Act."

Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr Robert Venables, QC, for the taxpayer.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that it was common ground that if Mrs Kerr was deemed not to have been the settlor that the assessments fell to be discharged. The question was one of law on which there was no authority.

The Crown's case was that the commissioner had erred in law in holding that the effect of section 24(11) was to deem Mrs Kerr's father to be the settlor of the settlement and not Mrs Kerr.

Arguing for the provision to have a restricted effect, Mr Henderson relied on *IRC v Metrolands Ltd* ([1981] 1 WLR 637) where, after referring to Lord Asquith's judgment in *East End Dwellings Co Ltd v Finsbury Borough Council* ([1952] AC 109, 132-133), Mr Justice Nourse had said (at p646) that "When considering the extent to which a deeming provision should be applied, the court is entitled and bound to ascertain for what purposes and between what persons the statutory fiction is to be resorted to."

The purpose of section 24(11) was simply to deal with consideration of gain and to exclude gains that would otherwise be thought to accrue to a person who made a deed of variation. The provision had a clear purpose and was fully effective if it meant what it precisely said.

The deeming provision was of limited effect, could be seen to have a limited purpose and to be limited to certain persons. There was no reason why it should be applicable to answer the question whether a settlement was or was not made by a person domiciled and resident in the United Kingdom.

The special commissioner had erred and the Crown's appeal succeeded.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Wragge & Co, Birmingham.

Correction

In *R v Savage; DPP v Parmenter* (*The Times* November 8) the appeal in *Parmenter* was by the DPP against the Court of Appeal's decision to quash his convictions. In *Savage* Judge Sykes & Harrison acted as London agents for J. P. Hall & Co, Spennymoor.

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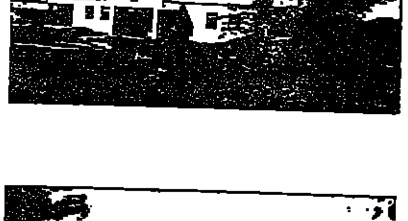
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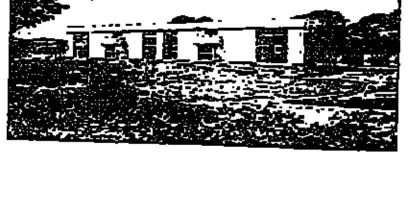
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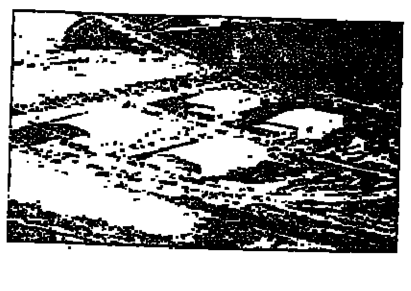
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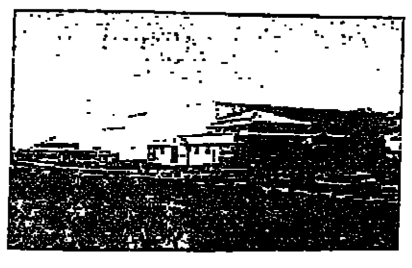
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Scudamore can bag three winners for his neighbour

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

PETER Scudamore and Nigel Twiston-Davies, next-door neighbours in the Gloucestershire village of Naunton, look capable of taking Worcester by storm today by landing a treble with **Young Hustler** (1.00), **Sweet Duke** (2.00) and **Captain Dibble** (2.30).

Discussing their respective chances yesterday, Twiston-Davies, who sent out his tenth winner of the season at Cheltenham last Friday, reported that Sweet Duke and Captain Dibble particularly will relish the softish ground on the Midlands track, having found the going too lively at Ascot and Sandown respectively last time.

Captain Dibble, who was one of the four winners that his stable had at Uttoxeter last month, is now napped to win the day's most valuable race, the grade two Aga Worcester Novices' Chase.

Not only will the ground suit this useful six-year-old so too will the distance of three miles.

Not only was the ground too firm at Sandown last time, the distance was also too short when he was runner-up to Buck Willow.

Having won first time out at Wincanton, Buck Willow's stable companion Southern Supreme obviously constitutes a major threat.

Sweet Duke, having won by 15 lengths at Worcester on his seasonal debut, was then backed to win his next race at Ascot as if defeat was out of the question. Although he was beaten easily by Kaher and Arabian Sultan, connections could take comfort by the knowledge that both the first and second have won since.

So on ground that he disliked Sweet Duke probably performed better than it appeared at the time. In the circumstances, I expect him to pick up the winning thread again by landing the Rayburn Supreme Novices' Hurdle.

After winning by eight lengths at Hereford eight days ago, Young Hustler, the third member of the Twiston-Davies raiding party, can also make another contribution to his trainer's steadily increasing tally by capturing the Rayburn Royal Novices' Hurdle.

As far as the Rayburn Nouvelle Handicap Chase is concerned, I like none better than **Sunbeam Talbot**, who made that pleasing start for his new trainer Anthony Jones when scoring at Stratford 13 days ago.

Derab, my selection for the Coalbrookdale Handicap Hurdle, will lack nothing from a fitness point of view because a fairly recent run on the Flat should have put an edge on him after his summer's rest. At his best, Toby Balding's Magnus Pym would be dangerous on ground that he will relish.

At Newbury, **Welsh Bard** appeals as the most likely winner of the Halloween Novices' Chase now that he too has had a race this autumn to ensure peak fitness.

While that run was over hurdles, Welsh Bard looks the type to make the grade over fences having displayed sufficient ability at Wincanton in the spring when winning the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle.

Ross Venture still features on a handy mark for the Newbury Trade Stands Handicap Chase even though he turned his last race at Sandown into a procession.

Scudamore: booked for Twiston-Davies trio

Previously he had been beaten at Uttoxeter by Tipping Tim, who has won again at Cheltenham in the meantime.

Mountain Kingdom (12.30) and **Thetford Forest** (3.25), both good-class horses on the Flat, look capable of winning the two divisions of the Wood Speen Novices' Hurdle.

Thetford Forest, who was particularly impressive on his jumping debut at Wolverhampton, can become the second of two winners for Richard Dunwoody, who is also taken to clinch the Curridge Handicap Chase on **Parsons Green**.

Charlton has fines of £1,150

ROGER Charlton was fined a total of £1,150 by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday over positive samples taken from two of his horses.

Urine samples taken from the filly Imperfect Circle following the Hackwood Stakes at Newbury in July and The Glasha after the Newton Stakes at the same course in August, were found to contain the prohibited substance, isoxsuprine.

The source of the substance was Navilox, which was being administered to other horses in the yard and had been inadvertently given to the two Charlton runners.

The Beckhampton trainer, who admitted breaching the rules, was fined £500 for Imperfect Circle and £650 for The Glasha's offence. Both horses, who had finished unplaced, were disqualified.

Charlton and John Gosden are running Blue Birds Fly (Alain Badel) and Specificity (Willie Ryan) respectively in the £12,220 Prix Belle de Nuit over 12 furlongs at Evry today.

Both fillies come to Evry fresh from maiden victories, but have a tough task against local hopes Lunar Quest (Cash Asmussen) and Mia Cara (Thierry Jarnet).

Bradbury Star cut to 4-1 for Ascot's feature chase

By PAUL WHEELER

BRADBURY Star has taken over from Kings Fountain as the Ladbrokes favourite for the H & T Walker Gold Cup at Ascot on Saturday.

Josh Gifford's six-year-old, a winner twice this season, has shortened from 6-1 to 4-1, with stable companion Buck Willow and Kings Fountain on 9-2.

All three are expected to run, but there are question marks over several of the 13-strong field. With Galway Plate winner Firions Law confirmed as a runner by his Irish trainer Victor Bowens, the weights are not set to rise. This makes Nick Henderson's Le Piccolage, who won at Newbury last week, a doubtful runner.

As Henderson explained: "The horse is very well, but he's miles out of the handicap. I was banking on Firions Law not running after winning in Ireland on Sunday, but I won't make a final decision until I've spoken to the owner and Richard Dunwoody. If he doesn't run, he could go to Newbury the following week."

Martin Pipe also has still to make a firm decision over whether to run Anti Matter. The six-year-old was ante-post favourite for the Mackeson Gold Cup in which he finished sixth. A spokeswoman for the yard said: "Mr Pipe won't make a final decision until the overnight declaration stage. Anti Matter came out of the race okay, but we'll have to wait and see."

Ross Venture runs at Newbury today and is an unlikely runner.

Gordon Richards will be represented by Pat's Jester if the ground is good or good to soft, but the trainer has decided against running Last 'O' The Bunch in the grade two handicap, and instead will take on Arthur Stephenson's Blazing Walker in the Manicou Handicap. "He'll go for the two-miler. I know Blazing Walker is a good horse, but so is ours," the Greystoke trainer said.

Blazing Walker, one of the most improved chasers of last season, is being prepared to challenge Desert Orchid in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

There are just two other entries in the Manicou, Campsea-Ash and Setter Country, who, like Last 'O' The Bunch, will be out of the handicap. Both are intended runners.

Toby Balding will be consulting his meteorological charts before deciding where to run his former top-class novice hurdler Forest Sun.

The six-year-old, winner of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival in 1990, missed the whole of last season through injury and has been entered for the St Mary's Trial Hurdle at Warwick on Saturday.

Balding worked Forest Sun, ridden by regular jockey Jimmy Frost, at Whitcombe yesterday and expressed himself satisfied. "He worked extremely well and is ready to run, but it depends on the ground," he said. "It's good to firm at Warwick, but if we got a deluge of rain he would run.

"His main objective is the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on December 7, followed by the Christmas Hurdle, and if he didn't have a run before Cheltenham it wouldn't be a total disaster."

Forest Sun is in the same ownership as Balding's stable star Morley Street, who Balding confirmed as a runner in the Racecall Hurdle at Ascot on Friday.

H & T WALKER GOLD CUP CHASE
(Limited handicap: Grade II: 2m 4f): Golden Celtic 7-11-9, Pat's Jester 8-11-5, Anti Matter 6-11-4, Firions Law 6-12-0 (4lbex), Last 'O' The Bunch 7-11-2, Kings Fountain 8-11-1, Bradbury Star 6-10-12, Ardbrin 8-10-12, Buck Willow 7-10-9, Ross Venture 6-10-5, Tipping Tim 6-10-3 (4lbex), Far Senior 5-9-11, Le Piccolage 7-8-12.

Latest betting: (Ladbrokes) 4-1 Bradbury Star, 9-2 Buck Willow, Kings Fountain, 8-1 Anti Matter, 10-1 Ardbrin, Firions Law, Tipping Tim, 12-1 others

NEWBURY

MANDARIN
12.30 Mountain Kingdom.
1.05 Ross Venture.
1.40 Welsh Bard.
2.15 Fresh-Mint.
2.50 Parsons Green.
3.25 Thetford Forest.

THUNDERER
12.30 Longdrum.
1.05 Ross Venture.
1.40 Country Member.
2.15 Mistress Ross.
2.50 Pragada.
3.25 Thetford Forest.

RICHARD EVANS
1.40 Country Member.
2.50 **PRAGADA** (nap).
3.25 Thetford Forest.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.05 **ROSS VENTURE**.

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GOING: GOOD

12.30 WOOD SPEEN NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,128: 2m 100yd) (14 runners)

101 0- CHRISTMAS GORSE 224 (D Stoddart) N Gaselee 5-11-0 A Adams 74
102 50-5322 COBBLERS COOLER 8 (Mrs J Smith) G Charles-Jones 6-11-0 A Maguire 95
103 DEVIOSITY 149F (Mrs J Doyle) B Hills 4-11-0 S Smith Eccles —
104 DUBLIN FLYER (J Sumner) T Forster 5-11-0 J Railton —
105 05- FAIR CROSSING 249 (Mrs B Samuel) C Brooks 5-11-0 G Bradley —
106 052-4 LONGDRUM 9 (P Fetherston-Godley) D Nicholson 4-11-0 R Dunwoody ● 99
107 B- MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 62F (D Thompson) D Elsworth 7-11-0 P Holley —
108 NIKITAS 86F (A Sotroniou) Miss A Whitfield 6-11-0 S McNeill —
109 440/ RETAIL RUNNER 627 (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy —
110 00- ROSCOE BASS 317 (Durkan Bros Ltd) O Sherwood 6-11-0 Mr J Durkan —
111 0- ROYAL HAVEN 197 (Mrs D Stamp) S Sherwood 5-11-0 M Richards —
112 SHOCK TACTICS (Duke of Devonshire) Mrs F Walwyn 4-11-0 B de Haan —
113 06- STAR OF ITALY 243 (S Kimber) A Turnell 4-11-0 L Harvey 88
114 6 RIVER STREAM 19 (Miss S Cornish) Mrs J Retter 4-10-9 M A Fitzgerald (7) —

BETTING: 6-4 Mountain Kingdom, 7-2 Deviosity, 7-1 Longdrum, 10-1 Nikitas, 14-1 Cobblers Cooler, Dublin Flyer, 16-1 Fair Crossing, 20-1 others.

1990: FURRY KNOWE 5-11-0 K Mooney (12-1) Mrs F Walwyn 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

COBBLERS COOLER 1½l 2nd of 9 to West With The Wind in a novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to firm). FAIR CROSSING 19l 5th of 21 to Raffiki in a National Hunt flat race at Sandown (2m, good to soft) LONGDRUM 27l 4th of 15 to Thetford Forest in a novice hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m, good). MOUNTAIN KINGDOM brought down 5th in grade II hurdle race won by Morley Street, here (2m 4f 120yd, good to soft). Very smart performer on the Flat from 1m 4f-2m. RETAIL RUNNER showed some ability two seasons ago, including when 8½l 4th of 14 to Okeetee in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). RIVER STREAM 10l 6th of 23 to Native Pride in a National Hunt flat race over course and distance (good to firm). DEVIOSITY was fair handicapper on the Flat, most recently when 3l 2nd of 6 to Silk Degrees in a handicap at Edinburgh (1m 7f, good).
No selection.

1.05 NEWBURY TRADE STANDS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,493: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

201 11UF02/ KNIGHT OIL 571 (B,F,S) (R A Bolt Ltd) O Sherwood 8-11-10 M Richards —
202 1114F4- SKINNHILL 164 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs T Binnington) T Thomson Jones 7-11-5 S Smith Eccles 92
203 04/11FP- CARDINAL RALPH 258 (D,BF,G) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 7-11-1 D Murphy 82
204 1211-21 ROSS VENTURE 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs. J Peutherer) J Edwards 8-10-12 N Williamson ● 99
205 521F-12 TOM BIR 11 (C,BF,F,G,S) (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 9-10-1 S McNeill 95

BETTING: 5-6 Ross Venture, 4-1 Cardinal Ralph, 5-1 Tom Bir, 11-2 Skinnhill, 10-1 Knight Oil

1990: THAR-AN-BHARR 8-11-4 R Dunwoody (3-1) J Upson) 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNIGHT OIL ¾l 2nd of 6 to Docklands Express in a novice handicap chase Stratford (3m 2f, good) on latest start two seasons ago. SKINNHILL tailed-off 4th of 7 to Absalom in a chase at Baden-Baden (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). and was 7l 4th of 8 to Farmers Boy in a handicap chase at Bangor (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start last season CARDINAL RALPH beat Latent Talent ½l in a 12-runner novice chase at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, good) when last completing the course. ROSS VENTURE beat Cuddy Dale 15l in a 3-runner handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good to firm). Previously, 6l 2nd of 7 to Tipping Tim in a handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good). TOM BIR 8l 2nd of 7 to Team Challenge in a handicap chase at Warwick (3m 1f, good to firm).
Selection: ROSS VENTURE

1.40 HALLOWEEN NOVICES CHASE (£3,525: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

301 1100P-5 CHARLTON YEOMAN 7 (G,S) (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 6-11-5 D Murphy —
302 20U-1 COUNTRY MEMBER 18 (D,G) (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 6-11-5 L Harvey ● 99
303 50/03- KEEP TALKING 231 (H Joel) T Thomson Jones 6-11-5 S Smith Eccles —
304 MASTER OATS (Mrs H Maitland-Jones) K Bailey 5-11-5 —
305 505- QUICK OPINION 250 (M Buckley) N Henderson 8-11-5 R Dunwoody —
306 ULTRASON IV (H Joel) A Turnell 5-11-5 S McNeill —
307 01P50-4 WELSH BARD 19 (G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 7-11-5 G Bradley —
308 0000-33 YOUNG ALFIE 30 (J Panvert) J Panvert 6-11-5 J Akehurst 73

BETTING. 7-4 Welsh Bard, 5-2 Country Member, 4-1 Charlton Yeoman, 10-1 Quick Opinion, 12-1 Keep Talking, 16-1 Master Oats, Ultrason IV, 20-1 Young Alfie

1990: SOUTHERLY BUSTER 7-11-5 J Osborne (9-4 jt-fav) O Sherwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARLTON YEOMAN 47½l 5th of 10 to Prime Display in hurdle, here (2m 4f 120yd, good). Better form last term included when beating New York Rainbow 1½l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Ascot (2m, soft). Makes chasing debut. COUNTRY MEMBER beat Bel Course 2½l in a 10-runner novice chase at Worcester (2m 4f, good). KEEP TALKING 4l 3rd of 19 to Mediane in a novice hurdle at Worcester (3m, good). Makes chasing bow. QUICK OPINION 14l 3rd of 12 to King Credo in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m, soft). Makes chasing debut. WELSH BARD 6½l 4th of 8 to Peace King in a handicap hurdle, here (2m 100yd, good to firm). Makes chasing debut.
No selection

2.15 NEWBURY TRADE STANDS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,268: 3m 120yd) (8 runners)

401 001/F ALLEN'S MISTAKE 11 (F) (I Fenwick-Smith) C Weedon 7-11-10 D O'Sullivan —
402 P/306-05 GODS FOX 9 (G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) G Balding 9-11-6 A Maguire 95
403 21P/ KALA FAIR 805 (BF,F) (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 6-11-6 M Foster —
404 30-2511 MISTRESS ROSS 11 (D,F,G) (Dr J van Tilborg) G Thorner 8-10-13 D Bridgwater 85
405 0/00-42 CUT'N DRY 11 (F,S) (A Ridout) A Ridout 11-10-9 A Procter 87
406 04226/2 FRESH-MINT 19 (B,F) (J Cockerill) P Hobbs 7-10-5 C Maude 93
407 0F0-215 MAN FROM MARS 21 (D,F) (M Burley) P Hobbs 5-10-0 B Clifford 90
408 2/PP1P-1 EMERALD SUNSET 9 (G) (A Davison) A Davison 6-10-0 (7ex) J Kavanagh ● 99

BETTING: 7-2 Emerald Sunset, 4-1 Cut'N Dry, 9-2 Fresh-Mint, Mistress Ross, 6-1 Man From Mars, 8-1 Gods Fox, 14-1 Kala Fair, 20-1 Allen's Mistake

1990: SIBTON ABBEY 5-10-0 T Barry (14-1) F Murphy 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GODS FOX 52½l 5th of 11 to Bollinger in a handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, good). KALA FAIR won maiden hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m, firm) three seasons ago MISTRESS ROSS beat CUT'N DRY (4lb better off) 2l in a conditional jockeys handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good), with ALLEN'S MISTAKE 5th when fell 8th. FRESH-MINT 2½l 2nd of 7 to Capulet in a handicap hurdle at Devon (2m 3f, good). MAN FROM MARS 11½l 5th of 6 to Bravo Star in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) Previously, beat Cute Enchantress a distance in a novice hurdle at Taunton (3m, good to firm). EMERALD SUNSET beat Acrow Line 2l in a 19-runner selling handicap hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, good).
Selection: FRESH-MINT

2.50 CURRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,532: 3m) (6 runners)

501 31353F- LAST HOUSE 215 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 8-11-10 S Hodgson 85
502 11213F- PRAGADA 208 (D,G,S) (Mrs M McGlone) J Gifford 8-10-13 D Murphy ● 99
503 411F41- PARSONS GREEN 191 (B,D,G,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 7-10-13 R Dunwoody 96
504 12/01P4- YIRAGAN 195 (CD,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 9-10-11 N Hawke 95
505 3426P3- SENATOR OF ROME 215 (D,F) (H McCall) G Balding 8-10-0 J Frost 97
506 0/1F4- FARMER'S IN 189 (G) (J Halliday) C Brooks 5-10-0 G Bradley 88

Long handicap: Farmer's In 9-13
BETTING: 7-4 Pragada, 2-1 Parsons Green, 5-1 Farmer's In, 7-1 Last House, 8-1 Yiragan, 14-1 Senator Of Rome

1990: ARCTIC CALL 7-11-6 J Osborne (5-4) O Sherwood 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAST HOUSE best recent effort was when 25l 3rd of 8 to Aquilifer in a handicap chase at Warwick (3m 4f 180yd, soft). PRAGADA just over 10l 3rd of 15 to King's Curate in grade I Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start. Previously, beat Whats The Crack 5l in a 10-runner novice chase at Kempton (3m, good), with SENATOR OF ROME 35l 6th. PARSONS GREEN beat Parsons Law 10l in a 7-runner novice chase at Southwell (3m 100yd, good). YIRAGAN 11l 4th of 10 to Bilord Blues in a handicap chase at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 100yd, good to firm). SENATOR OF ROME 23l 3rd of 7 to Mulloch Brae in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f, good) FARMER'S IN 33½l 4th of 12 to Tipping Tim in a novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good)
Selection: PRAGADA

3.25 WOOD SPEEN NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,128: 2m 100yd) (13 runners)

601 1 THETFORD FOREST 9 (D,G) (S Manane) D Nicholson 4-11-5 R Dunwoody ● 99
602 0-F ERIC'S TRAIN 7 (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 M Pitman —
603 FLEET ESCORT (S Embiricos) J Gifford 5-11-0 E Murphy —
604 JUMBEAU (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-0 D Murphy —
605 0 LOWICK LAD 7 (R Langley) R Champion 4-11-0 S Keightley —
606 0-30 NORTHERN VISION 12 (BF) (R Kirkland) P Blockley 4-11-0 P Midgley (7) —
607 SECRET TURN 854F (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 5-11-0 S McNeill —
608 SINGULAR RUN 854F (Mrs E Purvis) Miss J Thorne 5-11-0 N Dawe —
609 SOVEREIGN SOUND (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 4-11-0 L Harvey —
610 WITH GUSTO 15F (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 4-11-0 S Smith Eccles —
611 P/4- XAFU XAFU 369 (BF) (G Wilson) J Webber 5-11-0 M Lynch —
612 4/F6-0 ALLYFAIR 8 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 6-10-9 M A Fitzgerald (7) —
613 KEEP YOUR WORD 29F (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-10-9 J Frost —

BETTING: 2-5 Thetford Forest, 8-1 Eric's Train, 10-1 Fleet Escort, 12-1 Jumbeau, Keep Your Word, 14-1 Northern Vision, 16-1 others.

1990: BOOK OF GOLD 5-11-0 R Rowe (11-1) J Gifford 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

THETFORD FOREST, useful stayer on the Flat, impressive when beating Rathvinden House 15l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Wolverhampton (2m, good). LOWICK LAD 85l 13th of 16 to Bas De Laine in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good), with ERIC'S TRAIN falling at the 3rd. NORTHERN VISION 7l 3rd of 13 to Tahaddi in a maiden hurdle Roscommon (2m, good to yielding) on penultimate start. XAFU XAFU 23½l 4th of 20 to Lafkadio in a selling hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good to firm) FLEET ESCORT, by Deep Run out of a mare who won a 2m 4f hurdle in Ireland. SECRET TURN useful performer on the Flat in 1989 when best effort was when 2½l 3rd of 22 to Flamingo Pond in a graduation race Windsor at (1m 2f, good to firm). SINGULAR RUN 3½l 3rd of 4 to Monastery in handicap Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm) on the Flat in July 1989 KEEP YOUR WORD fair handicapper on the Flat, winning at Kempton (1m, good) in July.
Selection: THETFORD FOREST (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Thomson Jones	3	7	42.9
T Forster	13	54	24.1
C Brooks	11	47	23.4
O Sherwood	18	90	20.0
D Elsworth	21	109	19.3
D Barons	8	42	19.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Holley	9	39	23.1
R Dunwoody	36	167	21.6
A Adams	3	18	16.7
J Frost	10	74	13.5
M Richards	5	43	11.6
S Smith Eccles	4	38	10.5

☐ The charity Racing Welfare is to benefit by £21,501.26 as a result of the Tattersalls Tiffany bonus scheme. Under the rules of the scheme, racing charities receive 10 per cent of any surplus money.

Over The Deel has game success

OVER The Deel gained his third victory from only four starts this season when landing the Dick Brewitt Memorial Handicap Chase at Sedgefield yesterday by one-and-a-half lengths from Shepherd's Hymn.

The progressive five-year-old tracked Shepherd's Hymn, before assuming command at the top of the hill and stayed on dourly to hold the renewed challenge of the runner-up.

Over The Deel, owned jointly by his trainer Arthur Stephenson and Swiss businessman Peter Piller, was backed down from evens to 5-4 on and took approximately £18,000 out of the ring.

Andy Orkney landed a 31½-1 double with Reef Lark (12-1) and Simple Pleasure (6-4).

The former provided the permit holder John Hellens with his first success of the season when taking the John Wade Haulage Selling Hurdle.

Simple Pleasure made the most of the 27lb he received from Tresidder, when beating the top-weight by three lengths in the *Racing Post* Staff Top Of The North Handicap Chase.

WORCESTER

MANDARIN
1.00 Young Hustler. 1.30 Sirrah Jay. 2.00 Sweet Duke. 2.30 CAPTAIN DIBBLE (nap). 3.00 Sunbeam Talbot. 3.30 Derab.

THUNDERER
1.00 Kannbaniya. 1.30 Uncle Eli. 2.00 Sweet Duke. 2.30 Captain Dibble. 3.00 Beau Charm. 3.30 TAKE ISSUE (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.00 RAYBURN ROYAL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,989: 2m 4f) (25 runners)

1 4-14 GREY RUM 27 (G) R Lee 6-11-7 W McFarland
2 4-P1 YOUNG HUSTLER 8 (G) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-7 P Scudamore
3 4P/P BROMO 6 P Pritchard 6-11-0 Mr R Davis (7)
4 4-0 CHARLIE MINGUS 19 M Robinson 4-11-0 I Lawrence
5 00P/ DEEP SWELL 615 J Gifford 7-11-0 Peter Hobbs
6 2-44 FASTBIT 32 C Jackson 4-11-0 V Slattery (5)
7 50- HORN PLAYER 226F F Jordan 4-11-0 J Lodder
8 HURSTHILL T Forster 6-11-0 C Llewellyn
9 00- KALA KING 200 Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 M Lynch
10 2-4F LLACCA SAM 25 (BF) M Eckley 4-11-0 A O'Hagan
11 0/P- MAHAFEL 243 R Mathew 7-11-0 R Guest
12 0-P NOTHINGBUTTROUBLE 32 Mrs H Parrott 7-11-0 D Leahy (7)
13 P PORTOFINO 37 P Bowen 5-11-0 J Shortt
14 0- RED AMBER 249 S Sherwood 5-11-0 J Osborne
15 6/ RICHARD'S LAD 746 M McCormack 6-11-0 G Upton
16 0- SCAPIN 254 T Forster 5-11-0 H Davies
17 P0- SPACE MARINER 236 T Bailey 4-11-0 B Dowling
18 06/0 THE LAST BUT ONE 19 D Wintle 6-11-0 A Carroll
19 402- TROUBADOUR BOY 226 T Thomson Jones 5-11-0 P Barnard (3)
20 YOUR OPINION D Nicholson 5-11-0 Mr A Sansom (7)
21 GLITTERBIRD 481F K Bishop 4-10-9 R Greene (5)
22 5F- KANNBANIYA 235 (BF) W Holden 4-10-9 W Irvine
23 SANDFORD SPRINGS 16F R Holder 4-10-9 N Mann
24 00- STRONG ATTRACTION 214 D Nicholson 4-10-9 R Bellamy (3)
25 04-3 SWIFTS BUTTERFLY 56 (BF) M Pipe 6-10-9 —

4-1 Kannbaniya, 5-1 Swifts Butterfly, 13-2 Grey Rum, 8-1 Young Hustler, 10-1 Llacca Sam, Troubadour Boy, 12-1 others

1.30 GLYNWED ABSENT FRIENDS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,364. 2m) (10)

1 3-1P SIRRAH JAY 19 (CD,G,S) G Balding 11-11-10. R Guest
2 -P3U PANTECHNICON 11 (CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 11-11-9 W Irvine
3 -433 WESTERN COUNTIES 9 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Holder 12-11-7 N Mann
4 1-55 TAFFY JONES 18 (D,F,G,S) M McCormack 12-11-2 C Llewellyn
5 FF0- FAMOUS LAD 193 (D,S) R Lee 8-11-1. B Dowling
6 P1F- UNCLE ELI 326 (CD,S) P Hobbs 8-11-0 Peter Hobbs
7 6-FF VINCANTO 9 (D,F,G) J Gifford 9-10-8 E McKinley
8 -1P4 NOBLE EYRE 11 (CD,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-10-7 D Meade (7)
9 5F5- ROMAN DART 189 (CD,G,S) M Scudamore 7-10-0 P Scudamore
10 434- BUTLERS PET 307 (CD,F,G,S) T Hallett 12-10-0 A Webb

5-1 Western Counties, 11-2 Sirrah Jay, Uncle Eli, 5-1 Pantechnicon, 8-1 Vincanto, 10-1 Famous Lad, Roman Dart, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 41 winners from 109 runners, 37.6%. W Holden, 3 from 8, 37.5%. O Sherwood, 20 from 58, 34.5%. Miss H Knight, 8 from 24, 33.3%. R Holder, 18 from 67, 26.9%. D Murray-Smith, 4 from 16, 25.0%

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 45 winners from 130 rides, 34.6%. W Marston, 4 from 14, 28.6%. I Shoemark, 4 from 16, 25.0%. N Mann, 4 from 23, 17.4%. B Dowling, 10 from 71, 14.1%. I Lawrence, 6 from 43, 14.0%

2.00 RAYBURN SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE (£1,603 3m) (11)

1 2-13 SWEET DUKE 21 (C,BF,G) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-4 P Scudamore
2 2- ARCTIC RULER 327 D Murray Smith 5-10-12 P Verling (3)
3 P00- COLD MARBLE 23F D R Tucker 6-10-12 W McFarland
4 P FREDS MELODY 11 F Tucker 6-10-12 P Richards
5 0/ LAUGHTERINPARADISE 586 M McCourt 5-10-12 J White
6 225- MORGANS HARBOUR 225 K Burke 5-10-12 R Supple
7 0-04 PABREY 8 N Mitchell 5-10-12 B Powell
8 /F-4 PRIOR'S PADDOCK 11 P Cowley 9-10-12 I Shoemark
9 P4-3 RHYTHM AND SONG 14 J Gifford 6-10-12 Peter Hobbs
10 PP-2 BINNY GROVE 19 (G) P Hobbs 5-10-7 M Perrett
11 25-F VOMERO 8 P Nicholls 6-10-7 N Mann

5-2 Sweet Duke, 4-1 Vomero, 6-1 Morgans Harbour, 7-1 Rhythm And Song, 8-1 Arctic Ruler, 10-1 Binny Grove, 12-1 others

2.30 AGA WORCESTER NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £10,160. 3m) (10)

1 1332 BEL COURSE 18 (CD,F,G,S) J Webber 9-11-1 W Marston
2 0-12 CAPTAIN DIBBLE 11 (C,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 P Scudamore
3 335- CELTIC SPORT 202 (S) P Hobbs 6-11-1 M Perrett
4 3/12 JIMSTER 12 (F,S) C Nash 9-11-1. Mrs P Nash
5 50P- MOZE TIDY 225 (C,G) R Rowe 6-11-1 H Davies
6 FP-1 SOUTHERN SUPREME 20 (F,G) J Gifford 6-11-1 Peter Hobbs
7 VATACAN BANK O Sherwood 6-11-1. J Osborne
8 4P5- WOODLANDS GENHIRE 180 P Pritchard 6-11-1 B Powell
9 4/P- ROSE LANCASTER 400 T Hallett 8-10-10. A Webb
10 2241 TOCHENKA 8 (F,G) R Juckes 7-10-10. C Llewellyn

9-4 Captain Dibble, 5-2 Southern Supreme, 8-1 Bel Course, Jimster, 12-1 Moze Tidy, Tochenka, 16-1 Celtic Sport, 20-1 others

3.00 RAYBURN NOUVELLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,595 3m) (18)

1 U31- SNEAKAPENNY 191 (B,G,S) K Bailey 9-12-0 A Tory
2 1F1- BEAU CHARM 242 (G,S) J Gifford 7-11-10 E McKinley
3 1FF- PATRICO 208 (F,G,S) O Sherwood 8-11-9 J Osborne
4 45P- BUMBLES FOLLY 221 (CD,S) P Nicholls 10-11-8 S Burrough
5 433- FLEMISH FUDGE 242 (D,G,S) Miss H Knight 9-10-13 B Dowling
6 12-3 FENCE JUDGE 13 (D,S) T Forster 9-10-11 C Llewellyn
7 622- PAMBER PRIORY 208 (G) T Thomson Jones 8-10-9 P Scudamore
8 03-1 SUNBEAM TALBOT 13 (D,G,S) A Jones 10-10-6 H Davies
9 0-42 MENINGI 18 (F,G,S) Mrs H Parrott 10-10-6 D Leahy (7)
10 5FP- ELVERCONE 193 (V,C,G,S) A J Wilson 10-10-4 Mr R Bellamy (3)
11 P4-P THE THROW 8 (B,D,S) D Nicholson 6-10-4 Mr T Jenks (7)
12 135/ UNCLE RAGGY 609 (D,S) D Nicholson 8-10-3 W Marston (7)
13 0P-0 COMRA 8 (V,CD,G,S) G Ham 12-10-2 B Powell
14 PP/P COMEDY BASIN 13 (CD,F) R Holder 8-10-0 N Mann
15 0-00 MYLIEGE 19 (D,G,S) P Leach 7-10-0 S Mackey
16 F-65 FOCUS ON FOSTER 11 (B,F) J Webber 9-10-0 M Field (7)
17 P66- JUST MICK 207 (D,F) Mrs H Dowson 10-10-0 A Webb
18 53-5 BASIL THYME 27 (F,S) T Bailey 11-10-0 J Lodder

9-2 Sunbeam Talbot, 5-1 Beau Charm, 6-1 Pamber Priory, 8-1 Fence Judge, Patrico, 10-1 Sneakapenny, 14-1 Meningi, 16-1 others

3.30 COALBROOKDALE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,184 2m 2f) (12)

1 152- STAR SEASON 236 (CD,G,S) R Holder 7-12-0 N Mann
2 204- DECIDED 4F (CD,F,G,S) R Lee 8-12-0 W McFarland
3 43-3 IVEAGH HOUSE 11 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4 D Gallagher
4 0/12 TAKE ISSUE 11 (C,BF,G,S) J Sutcliffe 6-10-11 [illegible]
5 1- DERAB 35F (B,S) S Sherwood 5-10-10 J Osborne
6 04U- MAGNUS PYM 228 (S) G Balding 6-10-10 R Guest
7 511- BILLY STRAYHORN 287 (G,S) S Mellor 7-10-3 S Earle
8 500/ VISCOUNT TULLY 627 (S) C Jackson 6-10-0 V Slattery (5)
9 102- WELSHMAN 44F (G,S) M Blanshard 5-10-0 —
10 0/6- YOZZER HUGHES 376 (BF,F) P Leach 6-10-0 H Davies
11 250- SINGLESOLE 207 (B,S) Mrs P Sly 6-10-0 A Carroll
12 431/ BILLSHA 98F (F) B Cambidge 5-10-0 Mr J Cambidge

4-1 Iveagh House, 5-1 Take Issue, 13-2 Billy Strayhorn, 7-1 Derab, Magnus Pym, 8-1 Star Season, 12-1 Decided, 16-1 others

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN
1.35 Concert Paper.
2.05 Fox Chapel.
2.35 Clever Folly.
3.05 Integrity Boy.
3.35 Local Customer.
4.05 Shades Of Peace.

THUNDERER
1.35 Concert Paper.
2.05 Fox Chapel.
2.35 Greenheart.
3.05 Green Tops.
3.35 Tribal Ruler.
4.05 Question Of Degree.

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GOING. GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM (HURDLES)

1.35 MANCHESTER NOVICES CHASE (£3,525: 3m) (5 runners)

1 33P-P1P INTO THE GLEN 12 (D,F) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 8-11-6 K Johnson 93
2 060/2-51 PACIFIC SOUND 14 (G) (D Stephenson) Mrs S Smith 8-11-6 R Stronge 94
3 3P544P- AFTER FOUR 193 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 7-11-2 S J O'Neill ● 99
4 025PP-2 CONCERT PAPER 13 (D,G,S) (S Hammond) R O'Leary 7-11-2 M Dwyer 98
5 60P2/P REAL CLASS 5 (BF,F,G,S) (J Moreton) G Richards 8-11-2 N Doughty —

BETTING. Evens Concert Paper, 5-2 Pacific Sound, 5-1 Into The Glen, 8-1 Real Class, 10-1 After Four.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.05 LIVERPOOL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,964: 2m) (13 runners)

1 BIGHAYIR 22F (V) (A Lomas) M Pipe 4-11-0 J Lower —
2 BOLLIN PATRICK 28F (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 6-11-0 R Garritty —
3 FOX CHAPEL 22F (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0 M Dwyer —
4 00PP- GREAT SERVICE 35F (A Watson) G Moore 4-11-0 J Callaghan —
5 00- PRESS FOR ACTION 349 (J Eden) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-0 D Poole (7) —
6 00S0P-4 RACECALL GOLD CARD 23 (G Glover) T Kersey 4-11-0 Susan Kersey ● 99
7 5-5 ROYAL STEEL 32 (R Robbins) R Hollinshead 4-11-0 S Wynne (7) —
8 F SHAFFIC 4 (P Davidson-Brown) M Hammond 4-11-0 P Niven —
9 SHIKARI KID 6F (G Corbell) S Norton 4-11-0 S J O'Neill —
10 60-0 TIMURS LUCK 49 (S Street) T Caldwell 5-11-0 Peter Caldwell —
11 06000/5- CHANTILLY DAWN 410 (J Haynes) J Haynes 7-10-9 D J Moffatt —
12 811-3 EDELWEISS 20 (D,BF,F) (J Ennis) M Pipe 4-10-9 D Richmond (7) 88
13 WAFFLING 348F (A Crowshaw) D McCain 4-10-9 G McCourt —

BETTING: 3-1 Edelweiss, 7-2 Bollin Patrick, 5-1 Bighayir, Fox Chapel, 6-1 Shaffic, 10-1 Royal Steel, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.35 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,655: 2m) (4 runners)

1 414-161 GREENHEART 12 (D,F,G) (The Morley Stud) W A Stephenson 8-12-0 C Grant ● 99
2 3PP14-0 SURE METAL 49 (CD,F,G,S) (Nolan Hardman & Partners Ltd) D McCain 8-11-12 G McCourt 98
3 1P111P CLEVER FOLLY 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Richards 11-11-10 N Doughty 97
4 0001P5- WITHY BANK 189 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 9-10-6 R Stronge 95

BETTING. 6-4 Clever Folly, 7-4 Greenheart, 4-1 Sure Metal, 7-1 Withy Bank.

1990. KATABATIC 7-10-4 G McCourt (Evens fav) A Turnell 5 ran

3.05 PRESTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,952: 3m) (7 runners)

1 1P0-142 VOLCANIC DANCER 13 (D,F,S) (G Kent) J Mackie 5-12-0 J Manson (7) 91
2 P/0320- QUEEN'S ANTHEM 191 (S) (Mrs D Thompson) R Dickin 8-11-4 D Meredith (7) ● 99
3 P00-321 INTEGRITY BOY 14 (B,F,G,S) (Mrs V O'Leary) R O'Leary 4-10-11 R Hodge 96
4 5160P0- GREEN TOPS 188 (D,G,S) (K Hanson) M Avison 9-10-8 L Mullaney (7) —
5 F5PP60/ DANISH CHIEF 552 (V,D,S) (T Wood) M Hammond 10-10-0 D Bentley (7) —
6 086800- DODGER DICKINS 20F (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-10-0 S Wynne (7) 94
7 000/34P- CEVA PARK 235 (Mrs P Morrison) R Earnshaw 6-10-0 S Mason (7) 83

Long handicap: Danish Chief 9-2, Dodger Dickins 9-1, Ceva Park 9-0
BETTING: 5-2 Integrity Boy, 4-1 Volcanic Dancer, 5-1 Queen's Anthem, 7-1 Green Tops, 8-1 Ceva Park, 10-1 Dodger Dickins, 14-1 Danish Chief

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.35 TANFIELD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,172: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 12223P TAKEMETHERE 11 (BF,F,S) (J Greenwood) M Pipe 7-12-0 J Lower 94
2 P232-15 LOCAL CUSTOMER 28 (BF,F) (J Gordon) M Hammond 6-11-7 P Niven 98
3 0/6F150- MISTER TICKLE 189 (BF,F) (C McDonagh) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 J Shortt —
4 20P023- TRIBAL RULER 225 (D,G) (J Singleton) D McCain 6-11-2 G McCourt ● 99
5 5/F-P54 QUINTANA 12 (V,D,F,G,S) (Scott Wilson Racing) P Bevan 9-10-8 T Wall 90
6 5P-2P3P RIORDANS WELL 39 (Miss N Carroll) W Clay 6-10-6 G Lyons —
7 4343-P6 TARA BOY 6 (B) (D Pickering) R Francis 6-10-6 S J O'Neill 97

BETTING: 4-6 Takemethere, 4-1 Tribal Ruler, 6-1 Local Customer, 8-1 Mister Tickle, 12-1 Quintana, 16-1 Tara Boy, 20-1 Riordans Well.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.05 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,820: 2m) (8 runners)

1 134056- TRIMLOUGH 214 (D,G,S) (R Perkins) P Dalton 6-12-0 J J Quinn 97
2 1131/33 QUESTION OF DEGREE 4 (D,G,S) (P Grundy) N Tinkler 5-11-9 G McCourt ● 99
3 P11023/ SHAMIRANI 382F (D,F,S) (A Watson) G Moore 5-11-0 M Dwyer —
4 321851- HOWGILL 169 (F) (Mrs C Lockhart) R Hollinshead 5-10-9 S Wynne (7) 93
5 310244- CHARLIE DICKINS 285 (CD,S) (Dickins Ltd) S Mellor 7-10-9 M Perrett 98
6 23111P- SHADES OF PEACE 185 (D,F) (D Gill) N Tinkler 5-10-4 M Hill 92
7 2U13-83 BURN BRIDGE 5F (B,D,F) (Gill & Punter/Etec Ltd) M Hammond 5-10-3 P Niven 94
8 856/05 GREENACRES LAD 9 (D,S) (M Talbot) W Clay 8-10-0 J Driscoll (7) 81

Long handicap: Greenacres Lad 9-7.
BETTING: 5-2 Question Of Degree, 7-2 Charlie Dickins, 4-1 Burn Bridge, 5-1 Shades Of Peace, 8-1 Howgill, 10-1 Trimlough, 14-1 others.

1990: THE MASTER GUNNER 6-10-11 J Osborne (14-1) P Bailey 11 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	44	105	41.9
G Richards	16	76	21.1
J FitzGerald	6	41	14.6
M H Easterby	4	28	14.3
W A Stephenson	7	50	14.0
G Moore	6	45	13.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Lower	5	18	27.8
N Doughty	13	47	27.7
G McCourt	11	65	16.9
M Perrett	4	24	16.7
M Dwyer	13	79	16.5

(Only qualifiers)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm (fence at top of hill omitted due to high winds)

1.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1. Reef Lark (A Orkney, 12-1). 2. De Valera (14-1). 3. Song of Gymcrak (7-4 jt-fav) Facility Letter 7-4 jt-fav 13 ran ¾l, 1l J Hellens Tote £20.90, £3.00. £4 60, £1 60 DF £126 10 CSF £153 34 No bid for winner

1.30 (2m ch) 1. Simple Pleasure (A Orkney. 6-4), 2. Tresidder (8-11 fav), 3. Malicho (7-1) 3 ran. 3l, 25l Mrs M Stirk Tote £2 70 DF £1 60 CSF £2 88

2.05 (3m 2f 160yd ch) 1. Over The Deel (C Grant, 4-5 fav). 2. Shepherd's Hymn (5-4). 3. Majic Ram (11-1) 4 ran 1½l. 7l W A Stephenson Tote. £1 50 DF £1 50 CSF £2.12

2 35 (2m 4f ch) 1. Nineofus (R Garritty, 8-11 fav) 2. Wayside Boy (20-1). 3 Break The Chain (4-1) 10 ran 1½l. 5l M H Easterby Tote £1 80, £1 30. £4.40. £1 60 DF £21 10 CSF £16.35

3.05 (2m hdle) 1. Dari Sound (M Dwyer, 6-1); 2. Gymcrak Sovereign (9-4 fav). 3. Patsy's Pet (8-1). 18 ran 3½l, 5l Jimmy Fitzgerald Tote £5.70; £2.30. £1.90, £3.80 DF £33 40 CSF £21 75

3 35 (2m hdle) 1. Valiant Boy (Mr S Lyons, 14-1). 2. Bay Tern (5-4 fav), 3. Silk Degrees (14-1) 11 ran 2l. ½l S Kettlewell. Tote: £23 90, £3.60, £1 10 £3.80 DF £55 10 CSF £35 04 Tricast £297 50. After stewards enquiry the result stood.

Placepot: £122 10

Southwell

Going: standard

12.15 (1m 4f) 1. Admiral's Mistress (T Sprake, 12-1). 2. Tristiorum (12-1). 3. Irish Native (5-2) Jeethgaya 2-1 fav 11 ran 1½l. 2½l P Makin Tote £19.60; £2 80, £2.40. £1 30 DF £112 50 CSF £140 85

12.45 (6f) 1. Hansom Lad (Dean McKeown, 11-1) 2. Cronk's Courage (7-2 fav) 3. Wellsy Lad (4-1) 16 ran. Hd. 1l W Haigh. Tote. £29 30, £5 30, £1 90, £2 30 DF £47 30 CSF £49 82.

1.15 (5f) 1. Abom Swift (W Ryan, 10-1). 2. Very Bold (14-1). 3. Sully's Choice (14-1) Joe Sugden 2-1 fav 14 ran 1l. ½l A Hide Tote. £13 60. £2 00. £3 70. £5 30 DF £169 40 CSF £137 60 Tricast £1809 45

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Crowd disorder mars one-day international

South Africans lose again as batting fails under pressure

From ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN GWALIOR

IF THE years of isolation bred an unfashionable innocence in South African cricket, it has gone in the space of two matches. This historic tour has now encountered some of the harshest realities of the modern game and a second defeat yesterday, by 38 runs, and before a wild, unruly crowd, was played out to a background of accusation and denial within an atmosphere which would have done justice to a bullfight.

If Calcutta on Sunday was an emotional initiation ceremony for the South Africans, yesterday was an unnerving revelation. The 25,000 crowd packed every available inch in this rebuilt stadium, which stands in the shadow of a 1,000-year-old fort, and the match was halted, regularly, by pitch invasions and, twice, when Indian fielders were hit by missiles. Kapil Dev was pelted only by fruit, but Sidhu left the field after being struck on the hand by a lump of concrete.

Through it all, ears were incessantly assaulted by firecrackers and thunderflashes, and police struggled to suppress fights on the terraces. It was a primitive atmosphere that unsettled even the Indians, while for the new boys, it was surely the sort of ordeal that neither they nor any other touring side should have to tolerate.

Extraordinarily, Madhavrao Scindia, the president of the Indian board, later declined to add the official voice of reprimand to a day that did the image of cricket in his country little good. "People were having fun," he said. "They were doing no harm." He should have tried saying that to Sidhu, or any of the other players who felt under threat.

Defeat for South Africa was no surprise and no disgrace. Once again, they were outplayed by a team with far more experience and far more depth of batting. Briefly, in pursuit of 224 from 45 overs, they were in sight of victory, but they simply did not have the batting to sustain it.

Fog, lying thick along the 200 miles from Delhi to Gwalior delayed the start by an hour. But although Rice won the toss, his bowlers did not make the best use of early movement.

Srikkanth and Sidhu put on 130 for the first wicket in 28 overs, but despite no lack of audacious shots, India did not capitalise as they might have done.

This reflects credit on some steadier bowling from the South Africans, although it was not until Donald returned for his third spell that they made significant inroads. Donald took three wickets in his last two overs for figures of three for 36.

In fast scoring conditions, South Africa had a realistic chance, given a sound start. But the chair was whipped from beneath them inside the first over when Cook, on whom so much depends, played diffidently outside off stump against Kapil and was caught behind.

The acceleration was painfully slow. From the final 30 overs, South Africa required 181, but they had begun to make that seem possible when Yachad was leg-before, sweeping at Raju. Kirsten looked distraught at another leg-before verdict in the next over, but Kuiper's broad shoulders kept the game alive.

With 11 overs left, 81 were needed with seven wickets standing. But the demise of Kuiper preceded a terminal slide. Wessels followed his 50 in Calcutta with a polished 71 from 96 balls. But until Cook finds his form he cannot win games alone.

Ball dispute, page 40

GWALIOR SCOREBOARD

INDIA

K Srikkanth c Yachad b Snell	68
N S Sidhu c Eksteen b Rice	61
S V Manjrekar not out	52
S R Tendulkar c Richardson b Matthews	4
*M Azharuddin c Kirsten b Donald	19
Kapil Dev b Donald	3
P Amre b Donald	4
Extras (b 1, nb 1, w 10)	12
Total (6 wkts, 45 overs)	223

†K S More, M Prabhakar, S L V Raju and S Srinath did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-130, 2-144, 3-159, 4-202, 5-218, 6-223.

BOWLING: Donald 9-1-36-3, Snell 9-0-43-1; Matthews 9-0-41-1, Eksteen 2-0-18-0, Rice 9-0-46-1, Kuiper 7-0-38-0.

PREVIOUS MATCH: Calcutta (November 10): India won by three wickets

MATCH TO COME: Delhi (tomorrow)

SOUTH AFRICA

S J Cook c More b Kapil Dev	0
M Yachad lbw b Raju	31
K C Wessels c More b Srinath	71
P N Kirsten lbw b Prabhakar	2
A P Kuiper c Azharuddin b Kapil Dev	21
*C E B Rice c sub b Raju	12
†D J Richardson c Kapil Dev b Raju	5
R P Snell c Manjrekar b Srinath	2
C R Matthews not out	10
C E Eksteen not out	6
Extras (b 3, lb 14, w 5, nb 3)	25
Total (8 wkts, 45 overs)	185

A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-94, 3-97, 4-144, 5-145, 6-162, 7-164, 8-167.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9-3-27-2; Prabhakar 9-1-19-1, Tendulkar 7-0-31-0; Srinath 9-0-34-2; Raju 9-0-43-3; Srikkanth 2-0-14-0.

Men of the match: S V Manjrekar and K C Wessels

Umpires: R V Ramani and S K Bansal

Snell ponders county offer

OVERSEAS CRICKET by SIMON WILDE

SOMERSET may find themselves trading one South African for another as they seek a replacement for Jimmy Cook as their overseas player next season. The county has offered a contract to Richard Snell, a seam bowler, who has played alongside Cook for Transvaal and, during the last few days in India, for South Africa.

Cook was unable to lift Somerset out of the bottom four in the championship during his three years with the county, despite scoring a mountain of runs, and the club is known to want to acquire a penetrative bowler.

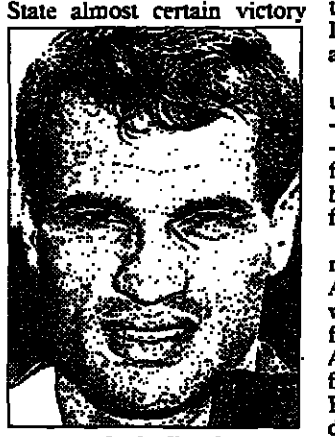
Snell, aged 23, is reportedly unconcerned at the prospect of bowling on Taunton's benign surface and will make a decision next month after sitting university examinations. Stephen Jack, another Transvaal bowler, has been similarly earmarked by Lancashire and is being watched in South Africa by Alan Ormrod, the county coach.

Kepler Wessels, the Eastern Province captain, found form before leaving for India. He scored a chanceless 212, out of the 325 added while he was at the wicket, against Griqualand West at Cradock.

There was further satisfaction for Wessels when his province dismissed Border in East London for 47, the lowest total in the history of the Benson and Hedges Trophy — the day-night series.

No Border player reached double figures and Eric Simons, the Eastern Province medium-pace bowler, took four for three from 2.1 overs, including a hat-trick.

In the same competition, a power failure cost Orange Free State almost certain victory over Northern Transvaal at Verwoerdburg.


Wessels: in fine form

Needing 130 to win, Orange Free State had reached 40 for two in nine overs when the floodlights went off. When they came on again, 70 minutes later, rain had set in and the match had to be abandoned with the points shared.

In the Sheffield Shield match in Sydney featuring last year's finalists, New South Wales forced Victoria, the holders, to follow on but were unable to drive home the advantage. In both innings, they met resistance from Darrin Ramshaw (53 and 60) and Dean Jones (68 and 144).

Ramshaw spent 316 minutes over his first half-century — the longest by an Australian — while Jones, whose Shield form has rarely done justice to his talents, took his aggregate for two matches to 455.

Ramshaw's progress was racy compared to that in Adelaide, where Tasmania won a protracted struggle for first-innings points with South Australia only well into the final day. The captains — Boon, of Tasmania, and Siddons, of South Australia — both scored centuries.

IAN STEWART

Pondering a few points: the Duke of Edinburgh and Will Carling, the England rugby union captain, in the Long Room at Lord's

Charter needs more discussion

The campaign for fair play in sport enjoys distinguished patronage. But **Simon Barnes** suggests the onus should be borne by administrators rather than competitors

SPORT is going to the dogs. Gosh, I've never heard that one before. Yesterday, the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) held what it called a National Team Sport Consultation.

It was a day-long talking session. It called together a group of leading people in sport, along with the Duke of Edinburgh, an international carriage-driver who is the CCPR president.

The subject was sportsmanship. "I think the standards at the top level are pretty good," Prince Philip said, a controversial statement if ever there was one.

The Rugby World Cup was particularly praised in this respect. Me, I saw swinging fists in every game I watched. And maybe the Duke should have been with me at the football World Cup last year. He might have grown as weary as I did at the incessant cynicism.

However, to my relief, we did not have too much harking back to the Golden Days of Sportsmanship, when men were men, lips were stiff and lions cropped grass alongside lambs.

"We have to accept that attitudes have changed," the Duke said. Sport is ever a melodramatic reflection of our times. That is one of the reasons why it can be so compelling. Sport provides no escape from the problems of the world; often enough, it exaggerates them. You ask Zola Budd.

In the Long Room at Lord's, we were given copies of what the CCPR calls *A Charter of Conduct for all those Involved in Sport and Education*. The Duke wrote an introduction, and told us: "Sportsmanship and fair play are not dead in Britain."

Here are some of the charter's terms. Competitors "must exercise self-control at all times". Was self-control how Botham scored his 149 at Headingley? Competitors "must not cheat and, in particular, must not attempt to improve their performances by the use of drugs." Why is the drug issue considered so much worse than thumping a referee in the tunnel after a match, I wonder.

Competitors "must accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and without excessive display of emotion".

Emotion? Athletes who have transgressed this rule: Borg, Coe, Gazza, Tessa, Martina, Lillee, Kerly, Charlton, Stiles . . . well just about anyone who has been worth anything.

The Duke also told us that the media had a special responsibility to accentuate the positive.

Yes, the question of sportsmanship is fascinating. In fact, I wish I had been there all day for the proper discussion, rather than for the lifeless official statements afterwards.

Ventilation of the question is, of course, a good idea, and widening — in some cases, creating — channels of communication between administrators, referees, coaches and players has to be a good idea.

But let me ask a question? Are we talking about sportsmanship as a moral question or as a practical problem? The consultation seemed undecided. It would be, I think, rather impertinent for sport to pontificate on personal morality. Sport's duty is to provide a framework for satisfying competition; that is all.

The entire charter could be reduced to the second point it makes. Governing bodies "must ensure that their rules are fair, thoroughly understood by competitors and officials, and properly enforced".

It all follows from that but it isn't easy. Bouncers, offside, the professional foul, going over the top, the lineout, code violations, and on, and on, and on. Every sport has them.

But all sports administrators should concentrate on the practicalities of making cheating an unprofitable exercise and stop moaning at the players and their "declining standards".

GOLF

Kankonnen seeks to leave shadow

From JOHN HENNESSY IN MONTPELLIER

AN UNFAMILIAR name, from an unfamiliar golfing nation, drew alongside Gary Evans, of England, at the head of the field in the PGA qualifying school at La Grande Motte yesterday. He is Anssi Kankonnen, son of a former Finnish Olympic champion, less than a year into his professional career. He scored 66, the lowest of the tournament so far, which gave him 224, four under par.

An international ski jumper himself, he feels his identity has been overshadowed at home by that of his father, who won not only an Olympic gold medal but also a silver at Innsbruck in 1964. He is hardly likely to suffer that discomfort in Britain.

Kankonnen, aged 24, turned professional last December, and has mostly spent 1991 either in an Helsinki indoor school, or playing on the Swedish circuit. He is characteristically flaxen-haired, and, playing alongside Evans over the last two days, it will be a question of the blond leading the blond.

This young high flyer from Finland, using a powerful hands-and-arms action, was steady, with six birdies as his only departure from par. When he drove into a bunker at the 18th and threatened to spoil his record, he played an exquisite pitch to within three feet.

Evans was in dire trouble, it seemed, when he squeezed a seven at the long 7th between two bogeys, flirting with the water with his second, and plunging into it with his third. But he played the remaining holes in five under par for a 71, with three successive birdies from the 15th.

Andrew Hare, a Walker Cup player two years ago, scored a 68, to follow his 69 at Massane on Monday, to share second place with Ian Palmer, of South Africa, on 287.

LEADING SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 284: G Evans, 74, 72, 67, 71; A Kankonnen (Fin), 72, 75, 71, 66. 287: A Hare, 75, 75, 69, 68; I Palmer (SA), 74, 72, 70, 71. 289: J Metcalfe, 72, 72, 71, 74; P McGinley, 76, 74, 70, 69. 290: J Robson, 74, 74, 76, 66. 291: J Coceres (Arg), 79, 72, 67, 73. 292: L White, 80, 70, 71, 71; W Stephens, 80, 77, 69, 66; L Tinkler (Aust), 72, 73, 72, 75; R Gonzalez (Arg), 74, 73, 72, 73; S Tinning (Den), 76, 79, 76, 71; H Selby-Green, 76, 78, 67, 71; W Guy, 75, 77, 68, 72. 293: F George, 76, 71, 74, 72; K Dickens, 74, 81, 71, 67; C Van der Velde (Neth), 70, 77, 75, 71; J Carriles (Sp), 73, 75, 71, 74; M Archer, 72, 76, 72, 73; T Gledeon (Ger), 77, 74, 70, 72; P Haugsrud (Nor), 77, 74, 70, 72; D Paulson (US), 77, 69, 75, 72. 294: J Payne, 71, 72, 79, 72; P Lawrie, 75, 74, 74, 71; T Levet (Fr), 77, 73, 72, 72; A Mednick (Swe), 74, 77, 69, 74; U Grisette (US), 74, 81, 69, 70; M Persson (Swe), 76, 77, 71, 70. 295: R Willison, 72, 75, 73, 75; N Briggs, 75, 74, 73, 73; P Parkin (Wal), 73, 78, 73, 71; D Curry, 78, 76, 72, 69; J Spencer, 76, 75, 73, 71; S Little, 73, 76, 72, 74; C Cookson (US), 74, 72, 74, 75; R Sjoberg (Nor), 75, 74, 73, 73.

IN BRIEF

Atkins is criticised

As Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the Sports Council, dispatched a letter to Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, and John Major, the prime minister, which registered his protest at the treatment of sport by the government, Atkins was criticised in the House of Commons yesterday.

Tom Pendry, chairman of the all-party parliamentary sports committee, asked Atkins why the government had increased its grant to British sport for 1992 by only £2.1 million.

In reply, Atkins said that this represented a 4.4 per cent increase, which was more than the rate of inflation, and that the government had additionally injected funds into the new foundation for sport and the arts, and had provided football with a £20 million windfall by cutting the pools tax.

On the move

The Coalite world matchplay snooker tournament is moving from Brentwood to The Dome leisure complex in Doncaster.

Travel plans

Great Britain will compete in an under-21 four-nation men's hockey tournament in Lahore from January 7 to 10. Calling themselves the Unicorns, they take on opposition from Pakistan, Germany and The Netherlands.

GREAT BRITAIN (England unless stated): S Mason (Firebrands), M Prestwich (Teddington), W Waugh (Southgate), J Wyatt (Reading), B Cope (St Albans), A Humphrey (Welton), M Sutton (Stourport), P Gibbins (St Albans), C Bloor (Bournville), J Hauck (Teddington), D Woods (St Albans), J Roberts (Cannock), J Walks (Teddington), P Webster (Gordonians and Scotland), G Fordham (Hounslow), A Milne (Gordonians and Scotland). Programme: Jan 7: v Pakistan. 8: v Germany. 10: v Netherlands.

New support

The national dressage championships, held at Goodwood, Sussex, in July, are to be sponsored by Shell Gas under a two-year contract announced in London yesterday. The contract includes the restructuring of the regional qualifying events.

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YACHTING

Spanish use short cut in search for speed

By BARRY PICKTHALL

AS DELEGATES attending the Offshore Racing Council's annual conference in London deliberated yesterday on ways of reviving interest in grand prix racing, the Spanish were preparing to take a chain saw to one of their best known offshore racing yachts.

Fortuna Lights, the maxi designed by Xavier Visiers which set a record distance of 408 miles in 24 hours during the last Whitbread Round the World Race, is to be extensivly modified in time to compete in the next circumnavigation in 1993. Work commences soon to cut the 23.5-metre yacht in three at Rob Lipsett's Vision Yachts yard at Cowes, where the composite hull will have extra sections grafted amidships and to the stern.

"We are extending the deck by more than four metres and changing the rig configuration to ketch," her designer said yesterday. The yacht, which also set a record average speed of 21.7 knots, was one of the fastest designs in the last Whitbread race. "Fortuna will still be a very light boat and by gaining considerable sail area and more than a metre of waterline length, she will be even faster," Visiers said.

Tony Castro, the British-based designer, is in day-to-day control of the modifications on this, the eighth yacht to be confirmed for the next Whitbread race. The work is expected to take 18 weeks to complete.

☐ Peter Gilmour, the deposed Australian world match-race champion, has moved closer to displacing Chris Dickson as No. 1 in the rankings. Gilmour's victory at last week's Nippon Cup has brought him to within 160 points of the New Zealander, who heads Japan's America's Cup challenge.

Paul Cayard, the America's Cup skipper for Italy who was beaten into third place in the Nippon Cup by John Kostecki, has moved back in the top ten of the rankings for the first time in seven months.

WORLD MATCH-RACE RANKINGS: 1, C Dickson (Japan); 2, P Gilmour (Aus); 3, R Davis (NZ); 4, R Coutts (NZ); 5, E Warden Owen (GB)

☐ Lawrie Smith and his Olympic crew of Rob Cruikshank and Ossie Stewart won the Soling class regatta at La Baule, France.

NETBALL

England give Galsworthy worthy finale

By LOUISE TAYLOR

WIN they could not, but England still did enough during last week's three-match series against the West Indies to bid Betty Galsworthy a worthy farewell as national coach.

England lost their opening game by 20 goals, but they had tightened up their act by the second encounter at Gateshead, a splendidly stirring affair which ended in a 40-40 draw.

Then it was on to Sheffield for the concluding fixture last Saturday, but the win the players so much wanted to give Galsworthy — national coach since 1987 — slipped from their grasp as the West Indies triumphed 42-40.

Nevertheless, television coverage — on BBC's Saturday *Grandstand* and *Sport on Friday* — will have done much to raise the profile of a sport all too often belittled by its traditional schoolgirl image.

Similarly, such exposure can only have enhanced the All England Netball Association's chances of attracting the type of sponsor it needs in order to expand an ambitious development programme.

SQUASH RACKETS

Marshall provides a memorable contrast

From COLIN McQUILLAN IN HELSINKI

PETER Marshall trounced Maqsood Ahmed 9-2, 9-2, 9-0 yesterday to clinch England's first team victory over Pakistan and provide a winning start to the qualifying rounds of the world team championship. As he did so, Marshall provided a memorable contrast between the modern game and that of an earlier era.

Maqsood, aged 39 and better known as the national coach to Kuwait until the Gulf war intervened, is a former world No. 4 from the slower and more artistic game played ten years ago. However, against England's second string, his once famous deception and wrist-flick counted for almost nothing.

Marshall, aged 20, used his modern, large-framed carbon fibre racket with a double-handed grip to dominate with an irresistible combination of power and precision. At times, even refereeing decisions based on new interpretations of the game's laws were beyond the little Pakistani's understanding.

In truth, Maqsood should not be playing here, and nor would he be but for the wrangles and disputes that have caused Pakistan to ignore three of their top players and, more significantly, to allow Jahangir Khan to stay in his London home nursing ankle injuries.

England's historic 2-1 win came in pool B against a Pakistani squad led by a disinterested World No. 1, Jansher Khan, and with two unknown players, Ahsan Ullah and Umar Zaman, included behind Maqsood.

Del Harris played well in spells against Jansher, although he might have grasped a famous victory with more resolution. Chris Walker easily beat Ullah, whose most prominent previous role has been as a practice partner for Jansher when he is home in Peshawar.

In pool A yesterday, Canada emerged as likely opponents for England in the weekend semi-finals by defeating the fourth-seeded New Zealand squad 2-1.

RESULTS: Qualifying round: Pool matches: England 2 Pakistan 1 (individual scores: D Harris lost to Jansher Khan, 0-10, 9-3, 5-9, 3-9; P Marshall bt M Ahmed 9-2, 9-2, 9-0; C Walker bt A Ullah [illegible]). Canada 2 New Zealand 1; [illegible] Kuwait 2, Oman 1.

Permutations for qualification are endless

Scotland's destiny still lies in the actions of others

By Roddy Forsyth

THE luck that has sustained the Scotland cause during this European championship qualifying campaign, with each of their fixtures being contested by makeshift Scotland teams, will be required more than ever tonight. Ironically, Andy Roxburgh can field — for the first time — exactly the selection he would wish for the job in hand.

It is not that San Marino will offer an insuperable barrier to the Scots' ambitions but rather that Scottish destiny depends on the events which will unfold simultaneously in Bucharest, where Romania meet the group favourites, Switzerland.

The complexities of group two are such that, paradoxically, it was by being beaten by Romania last month that the Scots opened up a chance of qualifying through efforts other than their own.

Had Scotland won in Bucharest, they would have required only to beat San Marino this evening to guarantee their place in Sweden next summer. In losing, they revived Romanian ambition and Romania must beat Switzerland and win their final fixture against Bulgaria in Sofia next Wednesday.

The perfect scenario for Scotland is a 1-0 win for the Romanians this evening and a 1-0 defeat in Sofia. That, coupled with a Scottish victory tonight, would see Scotland reach the finals for the first time. If Switzerland achieve a draw in Bucharest, the Scots would have to beat San Marino 11-0 to be certain of going through. If the Swiss win, all the calculations become academic.

If Romania should win both their remaining matches, they will be level on points with Scotland — again, assuming a home victory at Hampden Park tonight. It is this possibility which has exercised Roxburgh's mind most in the run-up to the Scots' final qualifying fixture.

"We begin with the assumption that we have to win," Roxburgh said yesterday. "That might be all we need to qualify. If we are going to have to depend on goal difference to squeeze out Romania, we need a minimum of four. That becomes our second realistic target."

Inevitably, the Scotland team is designed for a contest which is expected to flow one way. The defence is reduced to three players, of whom Gough and McPherson will be expected to apply their height at set-piece moves around the San Marino area. Malpas, too, will advance as the occasion demands.

The four midfield men — McAllister, McStay, McCall and Strachan — are all attack-minded but their instructions are to be temperate, using their skill to create openings for the front three of Durie, McCoist and Robertson. The substitutes will be selected today, and will certainly include Johnston and one other forward, and it may be that Scotland will end with five attackers on the field.

As little as possible has been left to chance. The number of ball boys has been trebled in order to nullify San Marino's single asset, the ability to fritter time away. If the size of the crowd holds up in the face of filthy weather and live television coverage, then it only remains for Scotland to expect that every Romanian will do his duty over the same 90 minutes.

SCOTLAND: A Goram (Rangers); M Malpas (Dundee United), R Gough (Rangers), D McPherson (Heart of Midlothian), G Strachan (Leeds United, captain), P McStay (Celtic), S McCall (Rangers), G McAllister (Leeds United), A McCoist (Rangers), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian), G Durie (Tottenham Hotspur).

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	7	4	2	1	19	6	10
Scotland	7	3	3	1	10	7	9
Bulgaria	7	3	2	2	14	7	8
Romania	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
San Marino	7	0	0	7	1	29	0

RESULTS: Scotland 2, Romania 1; Switzerland 2, Bulgaria 0; Romania 0, Bulgaria 3; Scotland 2, Switzerland 1; Bulgaria 1, Scotland 1; San Marino 0, Switzerland 4; Romania 6, San Marino 0; Scotland 1, Bulgaria 1; San Marino 1, Romania 3; Switzerland 0, Romania 0; Bulgaria 2, Switzerland 3; San Marino 0, Scotland 2; San Marino 0, Bulgaria 3; Switzerland 7, San Marino 0; Switzerland 2, Scotland 2; Romania 1, Scotland 0; Bulgaria 4, San Marino 0.

FIXTURES: Today: Romania v Switzerland, Scotland v San Marino. November 20: Bulgaria v Romania.

Serving notice: Courier opens his challenge to Edberg's No. 1 ranking yesterday

TENNIS

Courier begins his climb to the top from the baseline

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent
in Frankfurt

AN UNBEATEN week at the ATP tour championship in Frankfurt would put Jim Courier within touching distance of Stefan Edberg as the No. 1 for the start of next year. Yesterday, he moved one small step closer with a 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 victory over Karel Novacek in the opening round-robin match.

Victory was neither pretty nor easy, a baseline slog between two well-built men whose muscularity is better suited to clay and who both rely more on the power than finesse.

For two and three quarter hours, huge serve matched huge serve, forehand grappled with forehand, the Czech on the whole getting the better of the exchanges — he was a break up in the first two sets — until late in the day, when the American began to find the pace of the supreme court and the measure of Novacek's essentially one-dimensional game. Courier might, however, reflect that, until a few days ago, Novacek was just the tournament's alternative player.

With due respect to one of the great workhorses of the tour, having Novacek instead of the injured Edberg was a little like substituting a shire horse for Nijinsky, and there was not much in it for the artistically minded among the 8,000 gathered in the Festhalle. Nobody could fault either player for lack of effort and a total of seven titles between them this year is more than an adequate testimony to their effectiveness.

Courier, like Pete Sampras, has not enjoyed his new status as a grand slam champion. An unflattering article in the American magazine, *Sports Illustrated*, immediately after his victory in the French Open still rankles, which suggests that the thick-set American has a thinner skin than many suspected. He penned a stern reply to the magazine and has retreated into his shell ever since.

"That was a devastating blow and I haven't forgotten it. It's took my trust away because *Sports Illustrated* was my bible when I was a kid," he said.

Though he denies it, Courier has been equally stung by his omission from the United States team for the Davis Cup final in Lyons at the end of the month and, with just a touch of pique, has told the captain, Tom Gorman, that he will be unavailable for selection for the first two rounds next year. That is hardly the best way to repair an image.

There was not much wrong with Courier's heart yesterday. He was in a strange position, thrust into the limelight as top seed, ahead of Boris Becker and Michael Stich in their own back yard, and yet making his debut in these championships. For a set and a half, he seemed overwhelmed by vertigo, while Novacek, with absolutely nothing to lose, flexed his considerable muscles.

Not until Courier was three points from defeat at 5-4 in the second set, when he was given the benefit of the doubt on a dubious call, did he finally stir, his revival gathering pace and finally proving too strong for the world No. 9.

RESULTS: Group A: J Courier (US) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4

☐ The French tennis federation has picked Guy Forget, Henri Leconte, Arnaud Boetsch and Olivier Delaitre for the forthcoming Davis Cup final meeting with the United States. Fabrice Santoro has been nominated as the French substitute for the tie.

Denmark manager under fire

Odense — Billy Bingham, the manager of Northern Ireland, could afford to smile yesterday after being informed of the problems that have enveloped the Danish camp on the eve of the group four qualifying game here (Ian Ross writes).

With Denmark unlikely to qualify for next summer's final stages in Sweden, the knives are out for Richard Moller Nielsen, the national manager.

Nielsen's belief that his team will return to its previous position of prominence only by dispensing with a cavalier attitude and adopting a more restrained approach has so horrified his charges that open revolt is breaking out.

Denmark will top group four only if they can defeat the Irish while Yugoslavia, the group leaders, are losing against Austria. The pressure is off the Irish as they cannot qualify.

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): P Kee (Oxford United); G Fleming (Barnsley), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), M Donaghy (Manchester United), G Taggart (Barnsley), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), K Wilson (Chelsea), J Magilton (Oxford United), K Black (Nottingham Forest), I Dowie (Southampton), C Clarke (Portsmouth). Substitutes: C Hill (Sheffield United), S McBride (Glenavon), M O'Neill (Dundee United), A Fettis (Hull City), M Hughes (Manchester City).
DENMARK (probable): P Schmeichel; J Sivebaek, K Nielsen, L Olsen, K Christofte, H Larsen, K Vilfort, J Molby, F Povlsen, F Pingel, L Elstrup.

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	7	6	0	1	22	4	12
Denmark	7	5	1	1	16	6	11
N Ireland	7	2	3	2	10	9	7
Austria	7	1	1	5	6	12	3
Faeroe Is	8	1	1	6	3	26	3

RESULTS: Faeroe Islands 1, Austria 0; Northern Ireland 0, Yugoslavia 2; Northern Ireland 1, Denmark 1; Yugoslavia 4, Austria 1; Denmark 4, Faeroe Islands 1; Austria 0, Northern Ireland 0; Denmark 0, Yugoslavia 2; Yugoslavia 4, Northern Ireland 1; Yugoslavia 1, Denmark 2; Northern Ireland 1, Faeroe Islands 1; Yugoslavia 7, Faeroe Islands 0; Austria 3, Faeroe Islands 0; Denmark 2, Austria 1; Faeroe Islands 0, Northern Ireland 5; Faeroe Islands 0, Denmark 4; Austria 0, Denmark 3; Northern Ireland 2, Austria 1; Faeroe Islands 0, Yugoslavia 2.
FIXTURES: Today: Denmark v Northern Ireland, Austria v Yugoslavia

Yorath wants win not a thrashing

By Clive White

WALES must concentrate on the job in hand tonight against Luxembourg at the Arms Park, Cardiff, otherwise they might even be denied the dubious privilege of playing the waiting game in this European championship. Victory over the Grand Duchy is essential if Wales are to live in hope that Germany will lose against Belgium in Brussels next Wednesday.

That is not the only scenario whereby Wales could qualify for the finals, but it is the only one which is remotely realistic. Consequently, Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, is not thinking of thrashing group five's makeweights, just of beating them.

Given Wales's propensity for stepping on banana skins, Yorath is not about to make the same mistake that his predecessor, Mike England, did a decade ago when, in a World Cup qualifier against Iceland at Vetch Field, he picked a team to win by a distance and ended up drawing 2-2. As it transpired, victory would have been enough to have taken Wales to the finals in Spain.

Wales's 4-1 drubbing in Nuremberg has left them with an almighty hangover. Reluctant though he is to look back, Yorath has found it necessary to remind his players of their triumphs over the past 12 months when Germany, Belgium and Brazil have figured among their victims.

"We have to look at those performances and take credit from them and be positive," he said. "We must put pressure on Germany."

In the absence of Dean Saunders through suspension, Rush and Mark Hughes will attempt once more to fuse their individual skills in attack. The loss of Kevin Ratcliffe because of injury is compensated by the return of Mark Aizlewood, thereby enabling Andrew Melville to perform in the sweeper role in which Yorath expects him to become "a top class player for years to come".

The midfield selection is less straight forward. Wales are spoilt for choice on the left side of midfield where Gary Speed and Ryan Giggs, two of Wales's most promising young players, unfortunately find themselves in opposition. Wales can ill afford to omit either player in the future.

WALES (probable): N Southall (Everton); D Phillips (Norwich City); A Melville (Oxford United); M Aizlewood (Bristol City); E Young (Crystal Palace); M Bowen (Norwich City); B Horne (Southampton); P Nicholas (Watford); G Speed (Leeds United); M Hughes (Manchester United); I Rush (Liverpool).

GROUP FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
Germany	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Belgium	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

RESULTS: Wales 3, Belgium 1; Luxembourg 2, Germany 3; Luxembourg 0, Wales 1; Belgium 3, Luxembourg 0; Belgium 1, Wales 1; Germany 1, Belgium 0; Wales 1, Germany 0; Luxembourg 0, Belgium 2; Germany 4, Wales 1.
FIXTURES: Today: Wales v Luxembourg. November 20: Belgium v Germany. December 17: Germany v Luxembourg.

Maidstone try again

MAIDSTONE United, who have failed to obtain planning permission for a £30 million stadium and leisure complex, are to appeal against the council's decision (Louise Taylor writes).

"The three-and-a-half years of work which went into the application has cost us £1 million, and it is going to take more money because we will be appealing," Jim Thompson, the club chairman, said after withdrawing a threat to close down the club.

VOLLEYBALL

Contest is scrapped as saving

By Roddy Mackenzie

THE British Volleyball Federation is about to scrap the annual home international championships after five years and replace them with junior tournaments for men and women in a different format. The plan is to reduce costs and spend more wisely.

Scotland, the men's champions, want to play England twice north of the border next March or April as an alternative.

On the European front, Britannia Music, the English champions, showed they can compete with semi-professional outfits on the Continent when they took a set off Antonius Herentals, of Belgium, before going out of the women's European Champions' Cup in London on Saturday. The English champions lost 17-16, 7-15, 5-15, 10-15, to go out by 6-1 on sets on aggregate.

Woolwich Brixton kept their unbeaten record at the top of the women's first division of the Royal Bank of Scotland English League by beating Southgate away, 15-3, 15-7, 15-9.

In the men's first division, Team Mizuno Malory, the champions, beat Newcastle Staffs in straight sets and Polonia Ealing beat their London rivals, Aquila, in four.

In Scotland, Team Lander continue to lead the men's first division. They beat Dundee, 15-11, 15-2, 15-11.

BOXING

Discipline to determine Hodkinson's destiny

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

PAUL Hodkinson, the most exciting boxer in Britain, faces a doubly difficult task when he challenges Marcos Villasana, of Mexico, again for the World Boxing Council featherweight title in Belfast tonight.

Hodkinson not only has to overcome one of the toughest men in the division, but also has to beat himself, so to speak. He must keep his urge to fight, rather than box, under control, or else he will be stopped. When Hodkinson and Villasana met 17 months ago, the Liverpudlian won almost every round, but in the process suffered severe damage to his face and eyes and in the eighth round, when he could not see, he was stopped.

The fragility of his skin remained unnoticed until then because he wasted little time disposing of his opponents, or did most of the punching. It was only when his opponents started to hit back that his weakness was exposed.

Hodkinson's manager, B. J. Eastwood, said: "I told him when he was fighting Villasana, 'Paul you must box for five or six rounds', but when the crowd began to cheer he forgot himself and set about the guy."

Eastwood said that Hodkinson had sparred more than a hundred rounds practising his tactics, but was not too certain whether Hodkinson would be able to stick to instructions. Eastwood has told him to steal the early rounds, instead of winning them by a big margin. "I've told him if he doesn't watch it, the same thing will happen again. If the fight goes the distance I expect Hodkinson to win."

Hodkinson's camp is hoping that reports that Villasana is beginning to show signs of ageing are true. The Mexican was thought to have been lucky against Ricardo Cebeda, of Colombia. The American magazine, *Flash*, has suggested that Villasana is thinking of retiring and this bout could be his last.

However, even if Villasana, aged 31, is at last feeling the strain of taking on men like Jeff Fenech, Azumah Nelson, twice, Antonio Esparragoza and Cebeda, any advantage that Hodkinson might derive could be cancelled by the Englishman having to box instead of doing what he is best at, fighting.

While Hodkinson had had warm-up contests last time and Villasana had been inactive, this time it is the champion who has stayed busy, with three defences, while Hodkinson has been out of the ring. Further, Villasana knows Hodkinson's strong and weak points and will, no doubt, box accordingly.

If Hodkinson can box without losing his sharpness, he should win clearly. If he forgets himself and starts to "trade" he could be stopped even earlier than last time. His future is in his hands.

Bertrand rules out America's Cup

Sydney — Australia's 1983 America's Cup-winning skipper, John Bertrand, yesterday ruled himself out as a possible skipper-helmsman of Syd Fischer's Challenge Australia in its America's Cup campaign off San Diego (Bob Ross writes).

Bertrand said Fischer had explored the possibility of his return to America's Cup competition by sailing Challenge Australia, initially through its designer, Peter Van Oossanen, who had worked with the late Ben Lexcen on the radical winged-keel design of the 1983 winner, and then with Fischer directly.

"I liked what I saw, but, in the eleventh hour, it came down to my spending six months out of the country and I just could not see my way clear to do that," Bertrand said. "I have already done four America's Cups and won in 1983. The huge desire required to win is not the same now as it was then." The skipper-helmsman is likely to be named next month.

IN BRIEF

Injunction on Offiah

Widnes have served an injunction on their Great Britain wing, Martin Offiah, and his agent, Alan McColm, preventing the player from breaking his contact by signing for an American football club (Keith Macklin writes).

Moscow Magicians and Tiraspol, the champions and cup winners respectively in the Soviet Union rugby league, will visit Britain next month to play games against Batley and Huddersfield and academy teams from both sides of the Pennines.

Gordon plays

England can play Trevor Gordon in their European basketball championship semi-final round group C match against the Soviet Union in Moscow tonight. The English Basket Ball Association agreed to increase the insurance cover on the centre following a request by Gordon's Belgian club, BAC Damme.

Sprint squad

Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic champion at 100 metres breaststroke, has declined selection for the European sprint championships at Gelsenkirchen, Germany, next month because he returns from a training tour in Australia only three days before the team leaves for Germany.

BRITISH TEAM (for European sprint championships December 6 to 8): Men: M Fibbens, M Harris, R Madden, A Shortman. Women: L Coombes, N Kennedy, K Read, A Sheppard

Pairs success

Stuart and Gerald Tredinnick won the two stars event at the English Bridge Union's autumn congress in Bournemouth and will represent Britain in the European pairs championship in Berlin.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European championship

Group two
Scotland v San Marino
(Hampden Park, 7.00)

Group four
Denmark v Northern Ireland
(Odense, 6.30)

Group five
Wales v Luxembourg
(Cardiff Arms Park)

Group seven
Poland v England (Poznan, 5.30)
Turkey v Republic of Ireland
(Istanbul, 5.30)

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Westfield v Newtown, Worksop v Netherfield. Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Chorley, Fleetwood v Southport

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00 unless stated): First division: Bolton v Aston Villa, Sunderland v Everton, West Bromwich v Leeds. Second division: Blackpool v Grimsby, Burnley v Hull (7.15), Huddersfield v Mansfield (7.30), Middlesbrough v Derby, Scunthorpe v Preston, Stoke v Oldham, Wolverhampton v Notts County, York v Wigan

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton v Swindon (7.15), Wimbledon v Ipswich

NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Billingham Synthonia v Whitby; Consett v Tow Law; Guisborough v Billingham Town; South Bank v Blyth Spartans

DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: Chertsey v Enfield. Third division: Edgware v Cove; Tring v Petersfield.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dawlish v Liskeard Athletic; Saltash v Plymouth Argyle, Torrington v Elmore

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth v Wroxham; Histon v Halstead, Newmarket v March Town; Norwich Utd v Brantham Athletic; Chatteris v Thetford

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Oxford University v Wasps (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Salford v Wigan

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Thames Valley v Hemel Hempstead.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBC featherweight championship: Marcos Villasana (Mexico) v Paul Hodkinson (Kirkby) (Maysfield LC, Belfast)
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Glasgow)
TENNIS: Women's Challenger tournament (Delta TC, Swindon)

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

European under-21 championship, group seven

POLAND (1) 2 Juskowiak 6 75
ENGLAND (0) 1 Kitson 54

TURKEY (1) 2 Aydin 40 Sukur 81 10,000
REP OF IRE (0) 1 O'Connor 54

OTHER MATCHES: Group two: Switzerland 3, Romania 1. Group four: Austria 1, Yugoslavia 2
CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Plymouth 2, Exeter 1.

Late results on Monday

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Leicester 1, Port Vale 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Luton 0, West Ham 0
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: First round replay: Curzon Ashton 1, Warrington Town 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round replay: Wolverhampton 0, Nottingham Forest 0 (aet). Second round: Reading 2, Carshalton 0
ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-16 TROPHY: Final: Essex 0, Cheshire 2 (at Southend)
INTER-CITY TOURNAMENT: Liverpool 1, London 2 (at Goodison Park).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

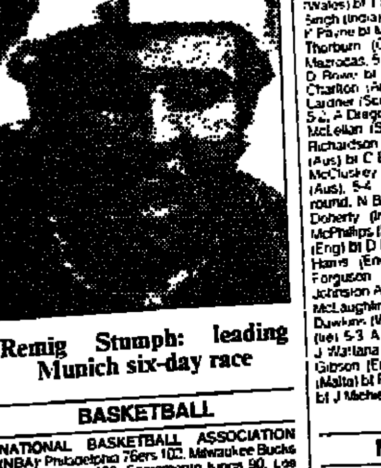
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Chicago Bears 34, Minnesota Vikings 17

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): M Werdel bt L Savchenko (USSR), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, P Harper bt M Wreen, 6-3, 6-0, T Whitlinger bt S Stafford, 6-0, 7-5, A Frazier bt G Helgeson, 6-0, 6-2, C Martinez (Sp) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-2, 6-4, P Harper bt M Wreen, 6-3, 6-0; T Whitlinger bt S Stafford, 6-0, 7-5, M Werdel bt L Savchenko (Latvia), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, A Frazier bt G Helgeson, 6-0, 6-2
INDIANAPOLIS: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): J Halard (Fr) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 6-1, 6-3, R Zrubakova (Czech) bt K Bastian, 6-0, 6-0, H Cioffi bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-1, 6-3, P Thoren (Fin) bt C Rubin, 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, S Sloane Lundy bt C Tessi (Arg), 6-3, 6-4, P Langrova (Czech) bt D Faber, 7-6, 6-3
SWINDON: Texaco Challenger women's tournament: First round: M Strebel (Switz) bt A Blumberga (USSR), 6-2, 7-5; G Coorengel (Neth) bt V Humphreys-Davies (Eng), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, A Popp (Ger) bt I Spirlea (Rom), 6-4, 7-5, A Zugasti (Fr) bt M Malkova (Czech), 6-1, 6-1, M Maruska (Aut) bt A Grunfeld (GB), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, K Ptaszek (Den) bt A M Foldenyi (Hun), 6-4, 6-0, E Studenikova (Czech) bt C Hall (GB), 6-0, 6-0, E Callens (Bel) bt B Reinstadler (Aut), 6-1, 7-5; L Laskova (Czech) bt C Singer (Ger), 7-5, 6-3, D Monami (Bel) bt V Ruano (Sp), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, V Lake (GB) bt F Auer (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3
ATP: Leading prize-money winners: 1, S Edberg (Swe), $1,713,575, 2, J Courier (US), $1,353,171, 3, M Stich (Ger), $1,162,636, 4, B Becker (Ger) $1,041,568, 5, G Forget (Fr), $957,252, 6, I Lendl (Cz), $903,983, 7, P Sampras (US), $763,413, 8, E Sanchez (Sp), $872,071, 9, K Novacek (Cz), $592,540, 10, A Jarryd (Swe), $590,014

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Whitehaven 30, Trafford Borough 0



Remig Stumph: leading Munich six-day race

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Philadelphia 76ers 102, Milwaukee Bucks 99, Utah Jazz 106, Sacramento Kings 90, Los Angeles Clippers 106, Indiana Pacers 97

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Winnipeg Jets 6, Los Angeles Kings 2, Washington Capitals 4, Montreal Canadiens 2, New York Rangers 3, Pittsburgh Penguins 1

SNOOKER

GLASGOW: Benson and Hedges Masters: Fifth round: J Ferguson bt P Francisco (SA), 5-1, D Morgan W Jones (Wales) bt M Price 5-1 D Morgan (Wales) bt T Shaw 5-1, J McLaughlin (N Ire) bt D Singh (India), 5-1, P Browne (Ire) bt B West, 5-2, F Payne bt M Bennett (Wales), 5-2, J Michie bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-3, D O'Kane (NZ) bt S Mazrocis, 5-4, M Johnston-Allen bt A Trigg 5-4, D Roe bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-4, L Grant bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-0, A MacManus (Scot) bt J Lardner (Scot) 5-2, J Wattana (Thai) bt C Kalus 5-2, A Drago (Malta) bt A Davies (Wales), 5-4, D McLellan (Scot) bt B Chaperon (Can) 5-4, L Richardson bt T Chappel (Wales) 5-4, W King (Aus) bt C Edwards 5-3, S Francisco (SA) bt V McClusker 5-3, F O'Brien (Ire) bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-4, P Gibson bt B Morgan, 5-4. Sixth round: N Bond (Eng) bt N Dyson (Eng) 5-0, K Doherty (Ire) bt A Higgins (N Ire) 5-0, P McPhillips (Scot) bt N Martin (Scot), 5-2, K Payne (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-3, W Thorne (Eng) bt A Harris (Eng), 5-3, D Morgan (Wales) bt J Ferguson (Eng) 5-4, R Lawler (Eng) bt M Johnston Allen, 5-4, W Jones (Wales) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire), 5-3, J Weston (Eng) bt P Dawkins (Wal) 5-2, D O'Kane (NZ) bt P Browne (Ire) 5-3, A McManus (Scot) bt W King (Aus) 5-1, J Wattana (Thai) bt L Richardson (Eng) 5-1, P Gibson (Eng) bt L Grant (Eng), 5-3, T Drago (Malta) bt F O'Brien (Eire) 5-4, D McLellan (Scot) bt J Michie (Eng) 5-4

MOTOR RALLYING

SPAIN-CATALONIA RALLY (after 24 stages): 1, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, 4hr 32min 25sec. 2, F Delecour (Fr), Ford Sierra Cosworth, 4:34:30. 3, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta Integrale 4:35:48. 4, G Trelles (Uru), Lancia Delta Integrale, 4:36:44. 5, J M Bardolet (Sp) Ford Sierra Cosworth, 4:37:00. 6, A Aghini (It), Lancia Delta Integrale, 4:37:38

CYCLING

MUNICH: Six-day race. Leading positions (after fifth night): 1, R Stumpf (Ger) and P Pieters (Neth), 324 points. 2, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 300. 3, S Tourne (Bel) and J Veggerby (Den), 235. 4, D Clark (Aus) and T Doyle (GB), 219. 5, C Mollet (Fr) and B Holenweger (Switz), 211, one lap behind. 6, S Roche (Ire) and P Bincoletto (It), 185, three laps behind

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, I Woosnam (GB) 17.05pts. 2, N Faldo (GB), 15.87. 3, J-M Olazabal (Sp) 15.20. 4, S Ballesteros (Sp), 13.61. 5, G Norman (Aus) 12.67. 6, P Stewart (US) 11.84. 7, F Couples (US), 11.01. 8, B Langer (Ger) 10.67. 9, P Azinger (US) 10.23. 10, R Davis (Aus), 9.00

Title defence

Bangkok — Khaosai Galaxy, the World Boxing Association bantamweight champion, will defend his title for the nineteenth and last time on December 19 in Bangkok against Armando Castro of Mexico, the Thai's manager, Niwat Laosuvanwat, said yesterday. Galaxy intends to retire after the bout.

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Taylor pins future plans on new faces

England novices must grow up for nation's sake

From STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN POZNAN

THE nature of the European championship qualifying tie here tonight is wholly unpredictable, but one facet is clear: the novices at the heart of the England line-up, which is itself one of the unknown factors, must grow up together for the sake of the nation's development.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, declared yesterday that he intends to use the finals of the European championship in June to prepare for the World Cup finals in 1994. "I want to come out of Sweden with a side capable of going straight into the qualifying stages of the next World Cup," he said.

"I won't risk the chances of us doing well in Sweden, but I will take with me one, two or three players with 1994 in mind. I want to give them the experience of competitive games so that they are ready when the World Cup qualifying ties come around."

Should England fail to collect the one point they need to be sure of finishing top of group seven, the programme will be filled with merely friendly fixtures that would not teach youngsters the lessons they need to learn. It is ironic, therefore, that Taylor's education policy should now be controlled largely by new boys.

The five players expected to be chosen in midfield have, between them, started in fewer internationals than Stuart Pearce. Nobody, not even Taylor, knows how they will respond either individually or collectively. If they freeze, England themselves will be left out in the cold for almost a year.

Gary Lineker has no doubts about the outcome. Reflecting the positive attitude running through the depleted squad, the captain says that he is "absolutely convinced" that England will avoid defeat against Poland, a fate they have suffered only once before in the eight previous meetings between the two countries.

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
Rep of Ire	5	1	4	0	10	5	6
Poland	5	2	2	1	7	5	6
Turkey	5	0	0	5	0	11	0

RESULTS: England 2, Poland 0; Republic of Ireland 5, Turkey 0; Republic of Ireland 1, England 1, Turkey 0, Poland 1, England 1, Republic of Ireland 1, Poland 3, Turkey 0; Republic of Ireland 0, Poland 0; Turkey 0, England 1; Poland 3, Republic of Ireland 3; England 1, Turkey 0.

FIXTURES: Today: Turkey v Republic of Ireland; Poland v England.

The consequences of the lone blot on the record, though, were significant. Not only were England eliminated from the World Cup in 1974, after being beaten 2-0 in Chorzow the previous year, but the careers of Bobby Moore, Tony Currie, Martin Chivers, Allan Clarke and Martin Peters were also effectively ended.

Lineker accepts that his future, among others, is now similarly in the balance. "This is the crossroads for lots of players," he said. "It is possibly my last major championship. We'll have to wait and see if I'm in the nucleus for the World Cup."

The only survivor from the 3-0 victory over Poland in Mexico five years ago, when he scored all of England's goals, he will operate without a recognised partner. "I won't be on my own," he said. "The idea is to play in their half and get people into forward positions."

The formation is designed to counter Poland's principal strength (their inventive midfield) and expose their main weakness (the inability of those same players to defend), as was illustrated by the Republic of Ireland here last month. They employed the same tactic and took a 3-1 lead before belatedly conceding two goals.

Two years ago, when Poland needed to beat England to maintain their chances of reaching the World Cup finals in Italy, David Rocastle was in a conventional midfield that was overrun.

"They attacked us non-stop," Rocastle recalled, "and I ended up at right back. We won't be sitting back as much this time." As he also discovered during Arsenal's European Cup tie against Benfica at Highbury last week, damage is invariably inflicted when continental opponents are offered freedom in midfield. "If you give class players time on the ball," as he put it, "then they are going to hurt you."

As in 1989, the Poles are seeking a victory and Taylor recognises that England will occasionally be under severe pressure. "We mustn't panic then or do anything silly," he said, "because a lot will depend on how assertive we can be immediately we are in possession."

England promise to strike at speed. David Platt will pounce from the middle, Rocastle from the right and Andy Sinton from the left. Andy Gray and Geoff Thomas, accustomed to accompanying each other at Crystal Palace, are probably suited to the more defensive roles.

Poland, whose players are spread across six different European nations, are likely to be the more cohesive team initially. Seven members of their probable side, including Jaroslaw Bako, who may be called in to replace the injured first-choice goalkeeper, Josef Wandzik, appeared in Chorzow two years ago.

Yet they are inconsistent. A week after Taylor watched them lose 5-1 at home to France, for instance, they beat Sweden 2-0. "I can't be certain of how they will play, but they can't change their pattern overnight." Boldly, he has chosen to alter his own.

Taylor admits he has had little time in which to integrate, in particular, the uncapped Gray and Sinton into his unit. "The players know a lot about each other," he said, "through the grapevine at home." On such a slender thread hangs England's destiny.

POLAND (probable): J Wandzik (Panathinaikos) or J Bako (Besiktas); P Czachowski (Zaglebie Lubin), R Szewczyk (GKS Katowice), P Soczynski (Fenerbahce), T Waldoch (Gornik Zabrze), R Warzycha (Everton), R Tarasiewicz (Nancy), R Kosecki (Galatasaray), J Ziober (Montpellier), J Urban (Osasuna), J Furtok (Hamburger SV).

ENGLAND (probable): C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday), L Dixon (Arsenal), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Rocastle (Arsenal), A Gray (Crystal Palace), D Platt (Bari), G Thomas (Crystal Palace), A Sinton (Queen's Park Rangers), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur).

Referee: H Forstinger (Austria).

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Bad omen for Poznan

ENGLAND will be trusting that the experience of their under-21 side in Pila yesterday will not prove a portent of things to come for the seniors in Poznan today (Louise Taylor writes).

The 2-1 defeat by Poland may have been academic but England were hoping to conclude their group seven fixtures on a winning note.

It was not to be as Poland, the group winners, proved too good. Jan Juskowiak struck twice, either side of a goal for England from Paul Kitson, the Leicester City winger.

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SIMON BELLIS

Eyes on the future: Taylor considers England's prospects in Poland and in the next World Cup yesterday

Taylor must commit himself

From DAVID MILLER
IN POZNAN

ENGLAND attempt to qualify for the European finals having seemingly ignored most of the principles in the book: a much changed team, not wholly due to injuries, experienced players abandoned, new players thrown in at the deep end. Graham Taylor, logical in his own mind, says he is being positive.

By most measurements available beforehand, England will need to be lucky to get the draw they need against Poland tonight. Having struggled against Turkey at home, they now make four changes including, it is expected, the introduction of Gray and Sinton, plus the recall of Rocastle, whose form cannot be certain. To predict that England will perform satisfactorily is as safe as forecasting an English summer.

Almost all international football is something of a lottery, dependent far more on first the quality and second the availability of players, rather than upon the manager. Good players manage the team out on the field. Almost any knowledgeable first division manager — or journalist — could run the national team provided they selected the right nucleus on three or four players who would organise the team on the pitch. That is not a reflection on Taylor but on the system imposed upon him.

Taylor has little time and opportunity effectively to exert his knowledge, but I cannot believe he would embark on a cup tie away from home with Watford or Aston Villa tossing in two new caps. He claims that in fact he has done so; and that he is now backing his own judgment in finding the balance that England will need today.

To me there seems no balance in recalling Robson, Adams, Steven and Waddle to the squad against Turkey and now omitting them, although Robson's form against Atlético Madrid last week showed clearly enough that he is now physically a liability. In the present state of English football, any team, club or national, that allows the opposition enough of the ball to run at them is going to have difficulty in defence and midfield. The sense of Taylor's selection is that at least he is expected to have five in midfield to deny Poland the ball as much as possible.

Yet someone — Gray, Platt or Sinton — has to support Lineker in attack, and the moment when possession is lost will provide England's real test. The outcome is more dependent, in my opinion, on how Poland play, *with the ball* than on England.

Taylor says that it is important for England to impose themselves on the match, but how do Gray and Sinton do this if appearing in their first match and subconsciously and unavoidably playing for their place rather than for the team.

Rocastle admits that in Katowice two years ago he was simply looking for the nearest experienced player so as to be able to get rid of the ball.

A national manager should avoid the temptation at all costs whenever possible to shake the dice. He cannot be guided by club form month by month. He must commit himself to certain players, and then stand by them. Yet almost every national manager is shaped by external pressure and public opinion. Taylor's strength and reputation is as a coaching manager rather than inspirational leader. Change therefore denies him, and his team, their best card.

It may well be that England will draw, perhaps win. The Polish team is as much exposed to lottery as England's, witness their recent fluctuating result. Yet evidence over the past 25 years tells us that Poland will have as much or more skill on the ball, and if allowed to use it can put England on the rack. Woods in goal may be as vital to England's survival as was Shilton in Katowice two years ago.

Cascarino's power could prove decisive

From PETER BALL
IN ISTANBUL

IRELAND'S fate is largely out of their control tonight, but Jack Charlton yesterday refused to allow consideration of what might happen in Poznan to deflect him from his priority of gaining an Ireland victory by the banks of Bosphorus.

With England needing only a draw to qualify, the odds are stacked against Ireland. Even getting the win with a very weakened team is not to be taken for granted, but Charlton surprisingly insisted that he would rather be in his position than the England manager, Graham Taylor's.

"People have underestimated Poland," he said. "People said that they only drew with us and we should have won 3-1, so they can't be a very good side. What people should have said was that we played very well and gave them a lot of problems, which I am not sure England will.

"I can't see England doing as well in Poland as we did. I don't think England are too sure about what they are going into. And when you bring new players into a game of that importance, sometimes they'll get through the game looking to their own ends, rather than the team's ends."

But Ireland still need to win to take advantage. With seven senior players already missing, the departure of Quinn yesterday morning meant the squad has been pared to the bone, leaving Charlton with few options.

Four of his starting line-up — Cascarino, O'Leary, Hughton and McCarthy — played little first team football this season, Hughton having played one game for West Ham in the Zenith Data Cup, plus another 15 minutes as substitute in League match.

In the one area where he had a real choice, however, Charlton decided to risk McCarthy, even though his captain is troubled with a groin injury.

Midfield gave Charlton most concern. Byrne comes in on the right for a rare appearance, with Staunton, the regular left back, moving up to play with McGrath in central midfield. It is something of a gamble.

"We don't know what we'll get from Stephen there," Charlton admitted: "He'll have to be an aggressive midfield player. If he can't do it we can always swap him with Kevin Sheedy."

Ironically one of the most progressive players in the Football League, Vinny Jones, was in Dublin yesterday trying to establish his Irish antecedents. How useful he might have been here, but with three centre halves over 30, the manager apparently sees Jones's international future in defence, grandmother's birth certificate permitting.

Even against a Turkish team still looking for its first win under Sep Piontek, it is hardly ideal preparation. But Charlton can at least take some comfort from the presence of Cascarino. Whatever the player's difficulties at Celtic, he gave a fine performance in Poland as a target man in 4-5-1 formation.

This time the forward's power in the air could be the decisive factor. "I don't think Turkey will be able to cope with Ireland in the air," the England captain, Gary Lineker, said last week.

Graf decides to part company with her coach

Happy days: Graf and Slozil together earlier this year

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the most enduring of sporting partnerships ended yesterday when Steffi Graf announced that she had parted company with her long-time coach, Pavel Slozil. At a press conference in her home town of Brühl on the eve of her departure for the Virginia Slims Championships in New York next week, Graf said that a "weariness on both sides" had led to the split.

"We feel that we are both getting tired, and I am at the stage now where I do not need constant supervision. I need to be left alone a little bit more," she explained. Slozil, 35, learned of Graf's decision over the weekend. "It has been a great and successful friendship, and we have both agreed to stay friends," he said yesterday.

Slozil, a former Czech Davis Cup player, began coaching Graf five years ago, in April, 1986, when she was 16, and ranked three in the world.

He guided her to 10 grand slam titles, the last at Wimbledon this summer, and to a record-breaking 186 weeks as world number one. That dominance has come under increasing pressure over the past two years as, one by one, the German lost her grand slam titles, and finally, in March this year, the number one position as well.

Tension between Slozil and Peter Graf, Steffi's father, and Graf's own inability to adapt her game to the demands of a new generation of players led by Monica Seles, brought intense speculation earlier in the year that the partnership had out-lived its time. But that was largely forgotten in the aftermath of her third Wimbledon title. After eight years on the tour, Graf, aged 22, now feels that she knows her own game the best, and has no plans to hire a new coach. Like Boris Becker, she intends to use a hitting partner instead of a coach, and Markus Schur, a left-hander who plays for Karlsruhe in the German club league, will fill the role in New York next week.

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Bacher's remark starts a dispute

From ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN GWALIOR

THE diplomatic triumph that created South Africa's cricket tour to India was forgotten yesterday in a bizarre dispute concerning alleged tampering with the ball by Indian players. It has resulted not only in strained relations between the two countries, but also within the South African management.

Ali Bacher, manager of the touring side and chief executive of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), made public his concern over the state of the ball following the opening match in Calcutta on Sunday.

He revealed that the team coach, Mike Procter, had examined the ball after India had fielded and "was surprised to find one side with the shine intact while the other seemed to have been scratched by nails."

Bacher said he had raised the matter with Madhavrao Scindia, president of the Indian Board, and had received assurances that the practice would not be repeated. Although Bacher did not say as much, this amounted to an accusation, an admission, and a pact.

It did not end there. As reaction to the news grew, Scindia and his South African counterpart, Geoffrey Dakin, called a press conference. There, Scindia denied there had been any scuffing of the ball, and Dakin not only apologised unreservedly, but exposed divisions within his own camp by denying all knowledge of Bacher's remarks. "I want this thing to die tonight," he said. It was much too late. He had already helped make certain it could not.

"It would appear that certain unfortunate comments have been made," Dakin said. "My executive and I totally disassociate ourselves from the statement allegedly made by Dr Bacher, and I trust our tour will continue in the wonderful spirit of friendship we have experienced since our arrival."

Bacher's feelings were first broadcast by another UCBSA spokesman, who added: "It looked as if the ball in Calcutta had been gouged." When pressed personally, Bacher explained: "The match in Calcutta was a special occasion, and we did not want to say anything to sour the day."

Such allegations are nothing new. Within the last year, Pakistan have twice been accused of the practice, and Chris Pringle, of New Zealand, admitted he had tampered with a ball as an experiment. But the indignant raction of the Indians to the matter being made public could severely damage the relationship with South Africa which has sprung up so dramatically.

A stony-faced Scindia said: "I am surprised at the reference made by Dr Bacher. The Indian team believes in playing cricket in the true spirit of the game, and I would like to categorically state that they never indulged in such a practice."

☐ Glamorgan have offered a summer contract to opening batsman Andrew Jones, the son of one of their most famous players. Like his father, Alan Jones, Andrew is an opening batsman. He was last season's captain of the Welsh Schools Under-19 team.

Jones senior, who scored 36,049 runs, including 56 centuries, between 1957 and 1983, is the county's senior coach.

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